

**POLICY # 0203 - Program- Personal Electronic Devices**

**Personal Electronic Devices**  
**Redeemer Christian High School**  
**Community for Christian Learning**

**Subject:** Regulation of personal electronic devices on school grounds

**Purpose of Policy:** To maintain and enhance a positive Christian environment with the aim of improving student achievement, increasing school safety and protecting individual privacy.

**Applies to:** All students

**Owner:** Administrator

**Date of Board Approval:** June 11, 2009

**To be Reviewed Prior to:** June 2011

**Applicable / Attached Forms:** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

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## **General Definition of a PED (Personal Electronic Device)**

PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices) are Wireless and/or Portable Electronic Hand-held Equipment that include, but are not limited to, existing and emerging Mobile Communication Systems and Smart Technologies (cell phones, smartphones, walkie-talkies, pagers, etc.), Portable Internet Devices (mobile managers, mobile messengers, BlackBerry™ handsets, etc.), PDAs (Palm® organizers, pocket PCs, etc.), Portable Entertainment Systems (gaming devices, CD players, compact DVD players, MP3 players, iPods®, Walkmen™, etc.) digital or film Cameras, digital or analogue Audio Recorders or Video Recorders (tape recorders, camcorders, etc.), Spy Gadgets (spy cameras, covert listening devices, etc.), and any other Convergent Communication Technologies that do any number of the previously mentioned functions. PEDs also include any current or emerging Wireless Technologies (such as Bluetooth®) or Portable IT Systems and Electronic Handset that can be used for the purpose of communication, entertainment, data management, word processing, wireless internet access, image capture-share-record, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc...

### **Rationale**

In the spirit of maintaining and enhancing a positive Christian climate for all, with the aim of improving student achievement, increasing school safety and protecting individual privacy, Redeemer Christian High School will regulate the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) on the school grounds. This policy will help ensure a safe and productive learning and working environment for all members and guests of the Redeemer Christian High School community.

### **Policy**

The use of PEDs by students is strictly prohibited on school grounds, except that cell phones may be used only after Activity Block outside of the building.

PEDs are to be kept out of sight, turned off and not used on the school grounds with the exception noted above. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, the school strongly recommends to all students that they leave their PEDs at home.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of the PED and/or disciplinary action. Redeemer Christian High School assumes no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any PED brought onto school property.

The Principal (or designate) may authorize an individual(s) to use a PED in the school for a specific designated purpose.