

Mobile Radios/Cellular Telephones

Two-way mobile radios or cellular phones placed in the school buses operated by the District are an important safety device. The purpose of these radios/phones is to provide instant communication with the base units (located in the bus garage and the Central Office) in case of an accident, mechanical problems or a misplaced child. The following rules and procedures for the use of mobile radios/cellular phones shall be followed:

1. The radio/phone will be used for school business only.
2. Students or unauthorized persons are not to use the radio/phone.
3. A driver using the radio/phone to report an accident or breakdown shall give the following information:
 - a) Driver identification, or bus number, as appropriate.
 - b) The location of the bus.
 - c) Whether or not medical assistance and/or an ambulance is required.
 - d) Whether or not a police officer is needed.
 - e) Whether or not a replacement bus is needed.
 - f) Whether or not a wrecker is needed.
4. Driver identification, or bus number, as appropriate, shall be used at all times when the driver is using the radio.
5. The driver shall keep the radio/phone on at all times s/he is in or around the bus.
6. The driver shall not attempt to repair the radio/phone; if it develops a problem, it should be taken to the bus garage for repair.
7. The radio/phone shall be protected from vandalism and theft. The driver shall be responsible for securing the radio/phone when the bus is vacant.
8. Two-way radios shall be turned on with volume up the entire time the bus is operational.
9. Cellular telephones may only be used if the bus is stopped, off the road in a safe spot, and the engine is turned off.

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