

**BUS DRIVERS AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

School bus drivers are prohibited from text messaging and/or using cell phones while driving a school bus or school owned vehicle. If an emergency situation arises, the bus driver shall remove the bus from the roadway and place an emergency call to the appropriate legal authorities. Any bus driver found to have engaged in text messaging or the nonschool emergency use of a cell phone while driving a school vehicle shall be subject to disciplinary measures which could include termination of employment.

It is not illegal for a school bus driver to utilize a hand-held device when necessary to communicate with the central dispatch school transportation department or its equivalent.

**REFERENCE:** 47 O.S. § 11-901C