

PROHIBITION OF DISRUPTIVE OR DISTRACTING DEVICES

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby affirms that certain devices create a significant distraction and obstruct the education process. These devices include but are not limited to paging devices ("beepers") and cellular and digital telephones, other portable electronic communication devices, laser pointers, water guns and other toy guns and such other devices and objects which in the judgement of the superintendent or a building principal interfere with the educational process.

Accordingly, students shall be prohibited from bringing any such devices into school buildings.

Exceptions to this prohibition may be granted upon written application to the superintendent or a building principal.

The building principal or superintendent may make such exceptions upon a finding that such a device is required due to student membership and active participation in an organization that provides emergency services to the community. Those given permission to carry electronic paging devices must operate and use them in a way which is least disruptive to the educational process. Such exceptions may be rescinded by the building principal or superintendent at his or her sole discretion upon a finding that use of the device has interfered with the educational process.