

Article - Education

26-104.

(a) ~~[This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THIS section applies only in Baltimore City and [Caroline, Dorchester,] Somerset, [Talbot,] Wicomico, and Worcester counties.~~

(b) (1) ~~In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

(2) ~~"Portable pager" means any device carried, worn, or transported by an individual to receive or communicate messages.~~

(3) ~~"PORTABLE PHONE" MEANS A WIRELESS TELEPHONE USED FOR COMMUNICATION.~~

(4) (3) ~~"Public school property" means the grounds of any public school.~~

(e) ~~Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (d) AND (E) of this section, an individual may not possess a portable pager on public school property.~~

(D) (1) ~~THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE, DORCHESTER, AND TALBOT COUNTIES.~~

(2) ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF THE COUNTY BOARD, A STUDENT MAY:~~

(I) ~~POSSESS A PORTABLE PHONE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY;~~
OR

(II) ~~USE A PORTABLE PHONE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS.~~

~~[(d)] — (E) This section does not apply to:~~

(1) ~~Handicapped students using portable pagers for medical reasons;~~

(2) ~~Law enforcement officers;~~

(3) ~~Visitors on public school property for an authorized program, meeting, or function;~~

(4) ~~Faculty or staff members employed by a county board;~~

(5) ~~Members of any volunteer fire department, ambulance company, or rescue squad, who are designated to possess a portable pager on public school property by the chief of the volunteer fire department, ambulance company, or rescue squad, and the school principal; and~~

(6) ~~Students whose portable pagers are contained in vehicles that are on public school property and are not found to be connected with criminal activity.~~

~~[(e)] — (F) — If an individual violates subsection (e) OR (D) of this section, the school authorities:~~