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Pupils may be permitted to use portable electronic devices on the vehicle provided that they are equipped with personal listening devices (earphones) and the volume can be adjusted for the user's benefit only.

Drivers shall be responsible for maintaining a moderate volume level on all audio equipment (electronic devices) installed in the vehicle. Drivers shall not be permitted to use personal listening devices.

Drivers shall ensure that a two-way communication device is on and operational, on a continuous basis while driving their vehicle, in order to address safety issues should they arise. Use of the two-way communication device while driving must be in accordance with Ontario Regulation 366/09 (attached) made under the Highway Traffic Act (section 78 and 78.1 - attached).

Drivers are to use hands free devices while using cell phones. If you are driving with students in the vehicle and need to place or receive an emergency call while using the hands-free device, it is strongly recommended that you pull over where it is safe to do so and then send or receive the call.

A hands-free device must be placed securely in or mounted to the vehicle so that it does not move while the vehicle is in motion and the driver can see it at a quick glance and easily reach it without adjusting their driving position. For example, it could be secured in a cell phone holster or fastened to the dashboard. It should not be sitting unsecured on the dash.

Related RCJTC Policy

P.01 Transportation Policy

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Attachment Highway Traffic Act Ontario Regulation 366/09
Attachment Highway Traffic Act Part VI Section 78 Equipment

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