

**OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

Series 7000

Facilities

BP 7132

Placement of Wireless Telecommunication Towers

The Governing Board places the highest priority on protecting the health and safety of students and staff. There is considerable debate and uncertainty within the scientific community as to the potential health effects to individuals, especially children, from exposure to radio frequency emissions including emissions from wireless telecommunications towers (cell towers). A wide variety of scientific and public interest organizations have called for additional research to determine short and long term effects.

In the absence of conclusive data, many organizations, including the California State PTA, have urged public agencies to adopt a precautionary viewpoint with regards to the construction of cell towers. Until conclusive data is available, this viewpoint should err on the side of caution and avoid exposure. As such, the Board of Education prohibits the placement of cell towers on District property.

In addition, the Board of Education urges local public agencies to provide timely notification to the District when applications for the placement of new cell towers within 1500 feet of school sites have been received. Upon receipt of the notification, District staff will immediately notify the school's staff and parents of the proposal.

The Oak Park Unified School District opposes the construction of any telecommunications towers (cell towers) within approximately 1500 feet of a school and staff will work with the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks Department, and the County of Ventura, and the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors to ensure that towers are not constructed within approximately 1500 feet of any Oak Park Unified School District school.

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