

## DISTRACTED DRIVING

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of the policy is to promote the safety of Western Dakota Tech (WDT) employees while driving.

### **II. General Statement of Policy**

- A. The policy of WDT is to improve overall safety while operating a vehicle for College business. It is expected that drivers will not create, send, or review text messages or email; access the internet; read content on an electronic device or in paper form; or play electronic games while driving. Employees must find a safe location to pull over and stop before attempting these actions.
- B. South Dakota law does allow drivers to use cell phones as a GPS device as long as they are not used interactively.
- C. This policy does not apply to persons performing duties in emergency situations or as a first responder.

### **III. Definitions – None**

### **IV. Reporting Procedures – None**

### **V. Dissemination of Policy and Training**

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDT website on the policy webpage.

#### Legal References:

SD Codified Law §32-26-47 – Use of handheld electronic wireless communication device for text-based communications on highway prohibited.