

Possession of Personal Communication Devices

- Students shall not use a personal communication device, including a cell phone, or other electronic device on school property during the school day.
- Students shall store the device in accordance with the method of storage established by the district. [See Glossary]
- The district may authorize the use of a personal communication device for the following reasons:
 - To implement an individualized education program (IEP) or for a plan created under [Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(29 U.S.C. Section 794\)](#), or a similar program or plan;
 - With documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician, or
 - To comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's safety protocols.

Inappropriate use of a personal communication device during the school day will result in disciplinary action in accordance with this Code of Conduct as follows:

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Use Restrictions

- Students may possess a telecommunication or communication-capable device, provided it remains powered off or silenced and stored out of sight (e.g., in a backpack, locker, or bag) during the school day.
- The school day begins when the student enters the building for school and ends when the end-of-day dismissal bell rings.
- Student use of any telecommunication or communication-capable electronic device not issued by the campus/district is prohibited during the school day.
- Use includes texting, calling, taking photos or video, checking the time, accessing the internet or apps, or listening to audio, regardless of intent.
- No exceptions may be made by staff to allow students to use communication devices that are outside of those allowable by HB 1482 (see above).

Consequences for Violations

1st Offense

- The device will be confiscated by staff/administration and may be picked up at the end of the day by the student.
- The violation will be documented, with no further actions if the student is compliant.
- Parents are notified

2nd Offense

- The device will be confiscated by staff/administration and may be picked up by the parent/guardian at the times communicated by the campus administration.

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3rd Offense (Level III SCOC)

- The device will be confiscated by staff/administration and may be picked up by the parent/guardian at the times communicated by the campus administration.
- Parent is notified
- The Student will be assigned discipline for Level III Offense - (Repeated violations of offenses outlined in levels I and II).

Refusal to Comply

Any student who refuses to relinquish a telecommunication device upon request by an administrator will be subject to further disciplinary measures in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. This may include in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, or other disciplinary action as appropriate.

Retention and Disposal of Confiscated Devices

- Confiscated devices not retrieved by a parent or guardian will be retained by the district for a period of 90 days.
- After 90 days, unclaimed devices may be disposed of in accordance with Texas Education Code § 37.082.
- Parents/guardians will be given reasonable written notice prior to disposal.