

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 4, 2025



BOARD:	Action
SUBJECT:	Student Personal Communication Devices/Electronic Devices
BOARD POLICY:	FNCE (Local)
DISTRICT GOAL:	BISD learning environments will be safe and conducive to learning
FISCAL NOTE:	N/A

Background Information:

- House Bill 1481 (HB 1481) is a new Texas law, passed during the 89th legislative session, that restricts students' use of personal communication devices during the school day and while on school property.
- HB 1481 prohibits students from using devices like cell phones, smartwatches, and tablets during instructional time and other times on school grounds.
- HB 1481 prohibits the use of personal communication devices during the school day, which includes instructional and non-instructional time while on school property.

Administrative Considerations:

- School districts are required to adopt and implement written policies to enforce the restrictions.
- The law takes effect for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Students must keep these devices silenced, out of sight, and stored securely throughout the school day, including during passing periods, lunch, and other activities.
- Exceptions are made for students with documented medical or safety needs or special education accommodations like an IEP or Section 504 plan.
- School districts are required to implement disciplinary measures, which may include confiscation of devices, with updated student codes of conduct to reflect these consequences.
- The Administration recommends approving the revised FNCE (Local) board policy as presented.

Communication Deployment:

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- Board Meeting minutes
- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

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