



Splendora ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 11, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: First Read and Adoption of Edits to Local Policy FNCE.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

House Bill 1481, passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, requires all public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to adopt a policy prohibiting students from using personal communication devices while on school property during the instructional day. The law applies to cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and similar devices, excluding those issued by the school. Districts may either ban these devices entirely or require students to store them out of sight in a secure location during the school day. Exceptions must be made for students with documented medical needs, IEPs, or 504 plans that require device use. The law aims to reduce distractions, increase student engagement, and promote a more focused learning environment.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the law, the district will require students to keep personal devices powered off and stored in their backpacks throughout the school day. The policy includes appropriate disciplinary measures for non-compliance and provides required exceptions for students with documented medical needs, IEPs, or 504 plans.

ATTACHMENTS:

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BUDGET INFORMATION: NA

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Dr. Shane Conklin

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move that the Board approve the district policy implementing the requirements of House Bill 1481, which prohibits student use of personal communication devices on school property during the instructional day, as required by the 89th Texas Legislative Session."