



# **UPCOMING SCHOOL-FOCUSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

The following overview will include information regarding:

- Personal Communication Devices
- Vapes and E-Cig Devices
- Required Posting of the Ten Commandments



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## PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

Texas House Bill 1481 restricts personal electronic device use during school hours in all K-12 public schools starting during the 2025-2026 academic year.

This policy:

- promotes focused learning environments
- reduces distractions in classrooms
- limits cyberbullying and social media misuse during school hours

### DEVICES REFERENCED IN HB 1481:

Personal communication devices include:

- Cell Phones
- Tablets
- Smart Watches
- Radios or walkie-talkies
- Smart or Meta Glasses
- Headphones & Earbuds

- Any other electronic device capable of digital communication





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## PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

Devices must be turned off and out of sight prior to arrival to any DeSoto ISD campus and through dismissal.

District-established infractions for violation of personal communication devices on district campuses

### **VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES**

#### **1st Offense**

- Device confiscated
- Parent/guardian must pick up from campus office

#### **2nd Offense**

- 3 days In-School Suspension (ISS)
- Device pickup by parent/guardian required

#### **3rd Offense**

- 5 days In-School Suspension (ISS)
- Device pickup by parent/guardian required

#### **4th Offense**

- DAEP placement for repeated Student Code of Conduct violations
- No cell phones allowed at DAEP





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## **VAPING AND E-CIG DEVICES POLICY**

### **Effective September 1, 2023 – HB 114**

Students caught possessing, using, or distributing e-cigarettes or vape products on school property or at school events must be placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

- Vaping is now treated with the same seriousness as drug or alcohol violations.
- No exceptions—this is a state-mandated law

### **Effective September 1, 2025 – SB 3**

Possession, sale, or manufacture of THC-containing hemp products (including Delta-8 and Delta-9 vapes) becomes a criminal offense in Texas.

- Offenders may face misdemeanor or felony charges.

## **DESOTO ISD IS COMMITTED TO STUDENT SAFETY**

### **We encourage families to:**

- Talk with your child about the dangers of vaping and THC products.
- Reach out to campus counselors or our Student Support Services team for help.

Questions? Need Support?

Contact your campus or DeSoto ISD Student Support Services at (972) 223-6666





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## **TEN COMMANDMENTS LEGISLATION**

Beginning with the 2025–26 school year, DeSoto ISD will comply with Texas Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), which requires the Ten Commandments to be posted in a visible location in every classroom across public schools in Texas.

### **What to Expect**

- State-approved framed copies will be installed in all classrooms
- Displays will follow mandated size, wording, and placement requirements
- No religious instruction will be provided alongside the displays

### **Our Commitment**

DeSoto ISD will implement this mandate:

- Respectfully
- Lawfully
- In a way that honors the diverse beliefs of our students and staff

### **Staying Informed**

The district will continue to monitor legal developments and follow all guidance from the Texas Education Agency and legal counsel.