



# Personal Electronic Device Policy Overview

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July 8, 2025

# Purpose of Today's Meeting



1. Review [Executive Order 25-09](#)
2. Share timeline
3. Clarify policy requirements
4. Answer questions regarding policy implementation

# Executive Order No. 25-09

**Goal:** Improve academic outcomes by ensuring students are fully engaged in learning within a distraction-free environment that supports their well-being, focus, and ability to thrive academically and personally.



# Definition

**"Personal Electronic Device"** means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of:

- Making and receiving calls
- Making and receiving text messages
- Accessing the Internet independently from the school's network infrastructure

Personal Electronic Devices do **not** include a laptop computer or other device required to support academic activities.

# Policy Requirement Timeline

- ❑ **By October 31, 2025**, all Oregon school districts are required to adopt a personal electronic device policy that:
  - Prohibits the use of personal electronic devices by students
  - Applies from the start of regular instructional hours until the end of regular instructional hours
  
- ❑ The policy must be implemented in full effect, **no later than January 1, 2026.**

# Policy Requirements

- ❑ Provide clarity on **how devices will be stored** during the school day
- ❑ Provide direction to school personnel regarding **actions that may be taken when a student violates requirements**
  - Allowed actions may not authorize or otherwise result in students losing instructional time, which includes suspension or expulsion.
- ❑ **Posted** on the school district website and made available to:
  - School district personnel
  - Students
  - Parents and guardians
  - Partners who are in the school building during the school day
  - Oregon Department of Education

# Policy Requirements (cont.)

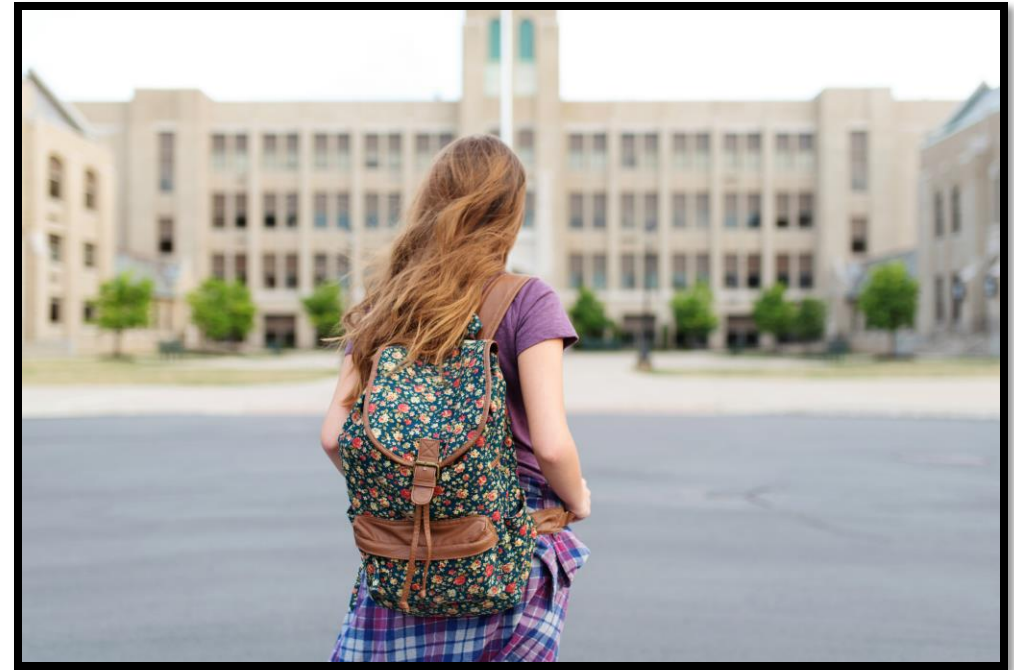
**Provide for the use** of a personal electronic device by a student when the use complies with the terms of:

- ❑ Student's medical provider's order for the care and treatment of a medical condition.
- ❑ Student's IEP or 504 Plan
- ❑ A written exemption provided for the student based on guidelines adopted by the school district to allow school building administrators to accommodate individual circumstances or to further specific educational outcomes for a student.

# Policy Scope and Applicability

The policy **may** exclude time when students are:

- ❑ Not on school grounds, and
- ❑ Not under the supervision of school personnel other than a school bus driver
  - If students are on the bus for educational purposes during the school day, and other staff are on the bus to supervise, the policy may be in effect.
  - If the bus driver is the only staff on the bus, the policy would not be in effect.





# Responding to Instances of Noncompliance

- ❑ Responses **must not result in lost instructional time**
- ❑ **Suspension or expulsion is not permitted** when noncompliance is solely related to device use
- ❑ **Supportive disciplinary action may be appropriate** when a device is used to harass others, access inappropriate content, or engage in other prohibited behavior
- ❑ Districts are encouraged to use **educational and restorative strategies**
- ❑ Strong **school culture and climate-building** supports long-term success

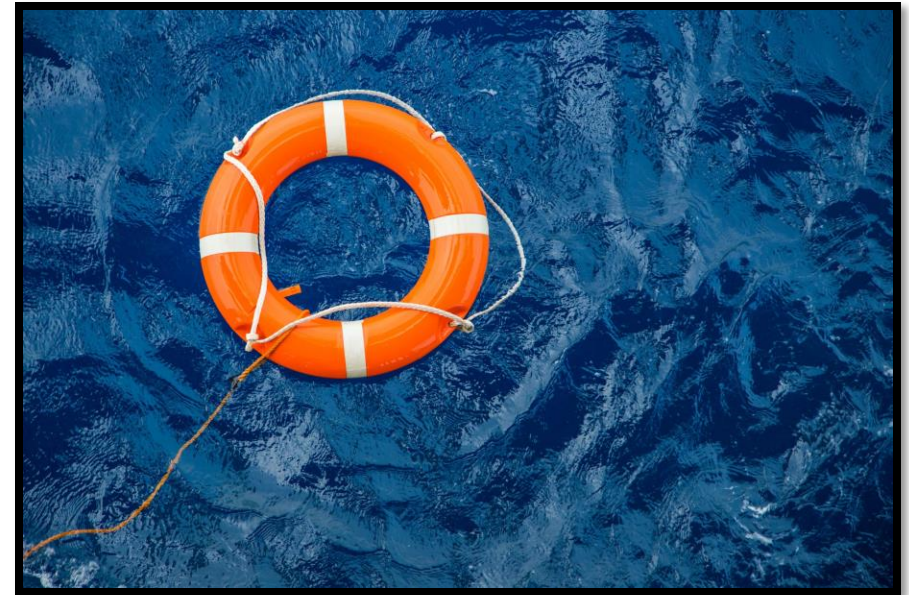
# What Should Districts Do Now?

- ✓ **Review** current district policy for alignment to **Executive Order No. 25-09**
- ✓ **Engage** with school board, staff, students, families, and community partners
- ✓ **Develop or revise** personal electronic device policy
- ✓ **Prepare** to bring policy to school board for adoption
- ✓ **Post policy on website** by October 31, 2025
- ✓ **Stay informed** by checking [ODE's website](#) and attending Office Hours.



# Looking Ahead: We are here to help

- ❑ Revised [ODE Guidance](#) and [FAQ](#)
- ❑ Additional Office Hours
  - Thursday, July 10th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- ❑ Shared Best Practices
- ❑ Resource Toolkit
- ❑ Technical Assistance Appointments
  - [ODE.mobiledevices@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:ODE.mobiledevices@ode.oregon.gov)





# Questions?

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