

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: August 25, 2025

Agenda Item: K.6

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Review and possible approval of TASB-recommended revisions to Local Policy FNCE – Student Conduct:
Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Cynthia Zapata, Director of Student Services

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Approve legislatively mandated revisions to FNCE (Local) pertaining to personal communication devices during the school day and on school property

D. Summary:

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** On September 26, 2022 the board adopted revisions to FNCE (LOCAL) which stated that an authorized District employee may confiscate a personal telecommunications device, including a mobile telephone, used in violation of applicable campus rules. A confiscated personal telecommunications device may be released for a fee not to exceed \$10.00. In accordance with the student handbook, the student shall be able to pick up their device after school. If a personal telecommunications device is not retrieved, the District shall dispose of the device after providing notice required by law. In addition, a student shall obtain prior approval before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for on-campus instructional purposes. The student shall also acknowledge receipt and understanding of applicable regulations and shall sign the appropriate user agreements. [See CQ]
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** Future action if local policy FNCE is revised due to Board or legislative action pertaining to personal communication devices.
- ☒ **Background information:** Legislative changes during the 89th Legislative Session mandate this policy revision.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☒ Other: C&I Leadership

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the recommended revisions.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Update policy to remain in compliance with state law.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Improve the quality of the learning environment.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: Improved student outcomes.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: N/A

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

☐ Budget ☐ Bond ☐ Grant/Special Funds: ☐ Other

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending for this item/service:

Reasons for rejecting alternatives:

Future/Ongoing:

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo

Evaluation method and timeline: Annual report to the Board regarding implementation and compliance of this policy.

Next report to the Board: June 2026

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the TASB recommended revisions to local policy FNCE, as presented.