

## **Kaufman ISD**

### **Policy Implementation Summary & Recommendation**

#### **Overview of HB 1481 (2025 Legislative Session)**

Effective no later than September 1, 2025, House Bill 1481 requires all Texas public schools to adopt and enforce a written policy prohibiting students from using personal communication devices on school property during the school day.

#### **Key Provisions:**

- Applies to any non-school-issued device capable of communication (smartphones, flip phones, smartwatches, tablets, radios, etc.)
- Allows schools to ban device possession altogether or designate secure storage
- Requires schools to honor exceptions for students with IEPs, 504 plans, medical documentation, or legal safety protocols
- Districts are no longer allowed to charge parents for cell phone retrievals
- Grants districts the authority to confiscate and dispose of devices after notice to parents

#### **Campus Recommendation**

Kaufman ISD will implement procedures that prohibit students from bringing personal communication devices onto campus during the school day.

- Applies to any non-school-issued device capable of communication (smartphones, flip phones, smartwatches, tablets, radios, etc.)
- All personal communication devices will need to be turned off and stored in a secure location.
- A secure location will be defined as one of the following:
  - Non-see-through backpack, vehicle, or a school-issued locker as applicable
  - Note that students with IEPs or 504 plans will have access as defined by those plans. KISD will fully accommodate all required exemptions under the law.

#### **Transition Period: August 14, 2025 – September 1, 2025**

To ensure a smooth rollout of this policy, August 14 through September 1 will serve as a transition period:

- Students will be reminded to turn off devices and secure them. If it is seen or heard, it will be taken by a staff member.
- Phones found on students and not secured will be confiscated and held for parent pick-up.
- The focus will be on educating students and families, reinforcing expectations, and preparing for full enforcement.
- *If a student has 3 or more offenses of this nature during the transition period, they may receive disciplinary consequences for not following campus directives.*

## **Full Policy Enforcement Begins September 1, 2025**

### **Secondary Campus Consequences**

<b><u>Offense Consequences</u></b>			
1st Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	Detention
2nd Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	1 Day ISS
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4th Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	3 Days ISS
5th Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	5 Days ISS or DAEP

### **Elementary Campus Consequences**

<b><u>Offense Consequence</u></b>			
1st Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	Warning
2nd Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	Detention
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4th Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	1 Day ISS
5th Offense	Phone confiscated	Parent pick-up	3+ Days ISS