



DUNCANVILLE ISD

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Regular Board Meeting July 21, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: Information/Discussion

SUBJECT: HB 1481 – relating to the use of personal wireless communication devices by students during instructional time.

BOARD POLICY: FO (LEGAL) & (LOCAL)

STRATEGIC GOAL(S): Strategic Plan Goal 2

FISCAL NOTE: Local Funds

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Background Information

HB 1481 is a Texas bill that requires districts and charters to adopt a written policy prohibiting students from using a cellphone, tablet, smartwatch, or other personal communication device while on school property during the school day. The policy can prohibit students from bringing such a device onto school property or can provide for a method for the storage of the device while the student is on school property during the school day. It must include exceptions if needed for implementation of an IEP, by a student with a documented need as directed by a physician, or if needed to comply with a health or safety requirement.

Administrative Considerations

- Policy Development
- Device Storage Procedures
- Communication & Training
- Enforcement & Discipline

Recommendation

N/A

Communication Deployment

- Launch district-wide communication campaign before policy implementation date.
- Update Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct with HB 1481 policy language.
- Distribute parent notification letters and FAQs via email, website, and campus newsletters.
- Create visual signage for campuses to reinforce the no-device policy.
- Translate all communication materials into multiple languages as needed for accessibility.

Suggested Motion

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Respectfully submitted,

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