

Terrell Independent School District

Executive Summary Report

Date	District Guiding Pillar	
September 15, 2025	Goal 2: School Culture: Create safe and secure learning environments that focus on the social, emotional, and cultural needs of every student.	
Agenda Item: Consider Approval of Amendment to FNCE Local Policy		
<p>Summary:</p> <p>In response to the most recent legislative session, TASB has recommended updates to Board Policy FNCE (Local) regarding student use of personal communication devices (PCDs). The proposed revision aligns our district policy with new state law requiring that students not use cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or similar devices on school property during the instructional day.</p> <p>The updated policy establishes clear expectations; students must store devices according to administrative regulations, and violations will result in discipline under the Student Code of Conduct. Authorized employees may confiscate devices used in violation, with the district required to provide notice and store unclaimed devices without disposal. Importantly, the law eliminates any fees previously charged for device retrieval.</p> <p>Expectations are narrowly defined to ensure compliance with legal and health requirements. Students may use devices only when required by an IEP or 504 plan, when directed by a physician, or when necessary to meet a legal or district safety protocol. The Superintendent is charged with developing and implementing regulations and will provide the Board with an annual report on compliance and implementation.</p>		
Attachments:		
Current FNCE (Local) Policy and Proposed FNCE (Local) Policy		
Administrative Recommendation:		
Administration recommends the approval of the updated working to policy FNCE (Local)		
Budget/Funding		
Not applicable.		