



## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 04, 2025

Agenda Section: Discussion and Possible Action

Agenda Item Title: Proposed revisions to Board Policy FNCE (LOCAL)

From/Presenters: Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources

Description: The purpose of this policy revision is to establish guidelines regarding the use of technology in classrooms and student access to digital devices during the instructional day. TEA guidance suggests that technology in the classrooms should be done with intentionality, designed to improve student academic performance, and in consideration of student mental and physical well-being. Devices should not be used unless there is evidence that their use will lead to academic benefit.

Historical Data: In accordance with HB 3489, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) consulted with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to create and distribute model health and safety best practice guidelines for the use of digital devices in local education agencies (LEAs).

Recommendation: Approve the Proposed revisions to Board Policy FNCE (LOCAL)

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: Not applicable

Funding Budget Code and Amount: Not Applicable

Goal:

STUDENT CONDUCT  
PERSONAL ~~TELECOMMUNICATIONS~~ COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ELEC-  
TRONIC DEVICES

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS**

**Note:** For searches of personal ~~telecommunications~~ communi-  
cation devices or other personal electronic devices, see  
FNF.

**Personal Use  
~~Telecommunications~~  
Communication  
Devices**

A student shall not use a personal communication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication device in accordance with administrative regulations.

A student who violates this policy or any regulations shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct.

An authorized District employee ~~may~~ shall confiscate a student's personal ~~telecommunications~~ communication device, ~~including a mobile telephone, that is~~ used in violation of this policy or any applicable ~~campus rules~~ regulations.

~~The District shall not charge a fee for the release of a personal telecommunications device. In accordance with the student handbook, the student or the student's parents may retrieve a device after receiving notification from the District.~~

The District shall not dispose of the personal ~~telecommunications~~ communication device. ~~Devices~~ The District shall provide appropriate notice, and devices that are not retrieved shall be stored according to administrative regulations.

**~~Other Electronic  
Devices~~**

~~Guidelines regarding other personal electronic devices shall be addressed in the student handbook.~~

**~~Instructional Use~~**

~~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]~~

**Exceptions**

A student shall be authorized to use a personal communication device on school property during the school day only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's use is necessary for implementation of the student's individualized education program, a 504 plan, or a similar program or plan;
2. The student's use is required due to a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or

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	<u>3. The student’s use is necessary to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the District or campus safety protocols.</u>
<u>Implementation</u>	<u>The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.</u>
<u>Compliance</u>	<u>Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board on the implementation and compliance of this policy.</u>