

# Personal Communication Devices Update

October 6, 2025



AI Glasses



COMMUNICATION  
DEVICES



CELL PHONES



EARBUDS &  
HEADPHONES



SMARTWATCHES

Goose Creek CISD Families,

*On August 4, 2025, the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct, which included approval of House Bill 1481 regarding the use of personal communication devices by students during the instructional school day and the associated consequences.*

During the 89th Texas Legislative Session, House Bill 1481 was approved and signed by Governor Abbott. The law will take effect starting with the 2025-2026 school year. This new law brings significant changes regarding the use of personal communication devices by students during the instructional school day. The intent of this law is to help students stay focused on learning by minimizing distractions, supporting stronger academic outcomes, and encouraging healthier social interactions.

Students shall not use personal communication devices, including; but not limited to telephones, cell phones (smartphone or flip phone), smartwatch, tablet, laptop, radio device, paging device, smart glasses, earbuds/headphones (except for instructional use), or any other personal electronic device on school property during the school day and shall store the device in accordance with the method of storage established by the district (students must store device in a backpack or purse).

The district may authorize the use of a personal communication device for the following reasons:

- To implement an individualized education program (IEP) or for a plan created under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) or a similar program or plan;
- With documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
- To comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's safety protocols.

The use of district-owned and/or issued communication devices, including but not limited to tablets, laptops, computers, headphones, or any other district-owned and/or issued electronic device, is approved for instructional purposes during the school day.

#### Times

TIER 1: NO Devices 6:50 AM - 2:50 PM

TIER 2: NO Devices 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

TIER 3: NO Devices 8:10 AM - 4:10 PM

IMPACT Early College HS: NO Devices 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Peter E. Hyland Empower Academy: NO Devices 7:15 AM - 3:15 PM

Stuart Career Tech HS: NO Devices 6:55 AM - 2:55 PM

Inappropriate use of a personal communication device during the school day will result in disciplinary action in accordance with this Student Code of Conduct.

#### Disciplinary Actions:

1st Offense: Parent/Guardian ONLY must pick up item AND 1 Day ISS

2nd Offense: Parent/Guardian ONLY must pick up item AND 2 Days ISS

3rd Offense: Parent/Guardian ONLY must pick up item AND 3 Days ISS

4th and Subsequent Offenses: Parent/Guardian ONLY must pick up item AND 3 Days OSS + 15 Days DAEP

Thank you for your continued partnership in creating safe and focused learning environments for our students.

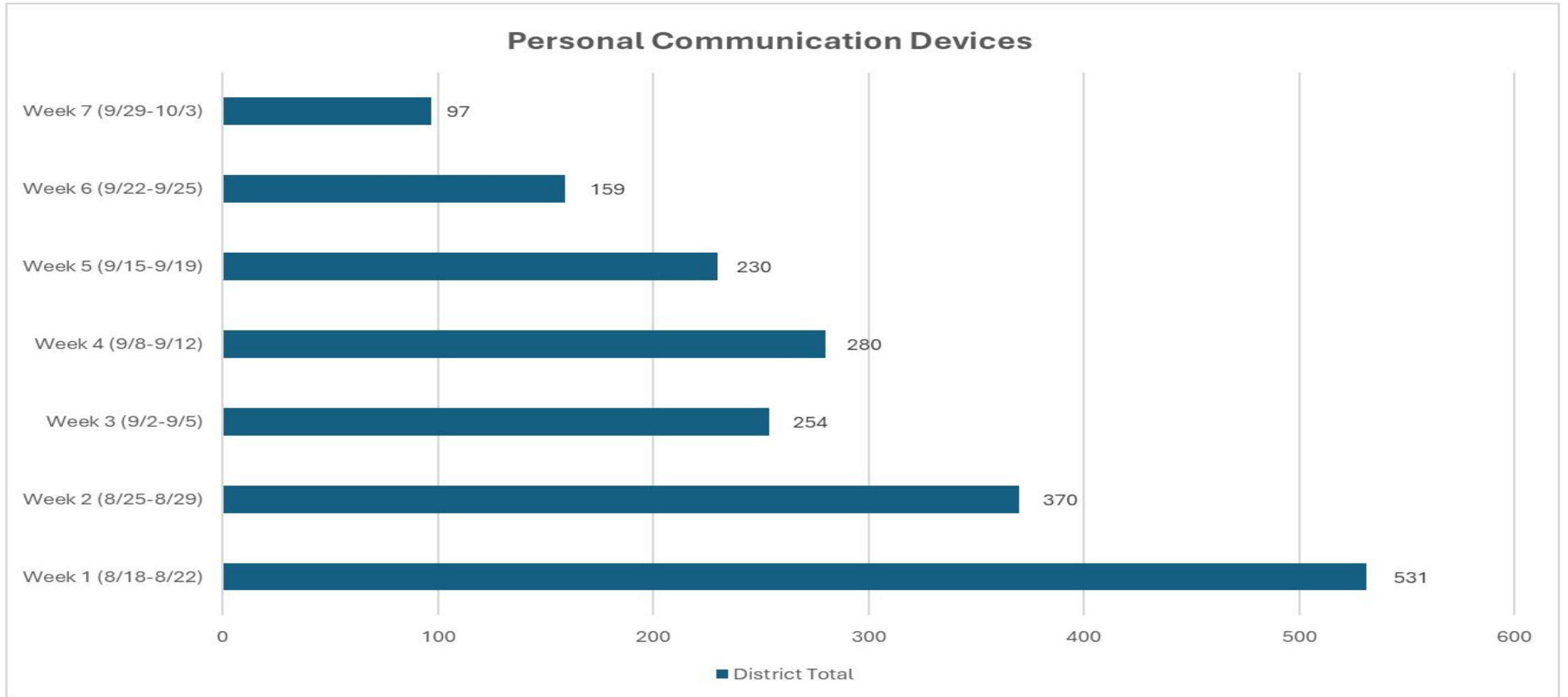
# House Bill 1481

## August 4, 2025

## Board Meeting

## Approval of Policy regarding Personal Communication Devices during the instructional day and the associated consequences

# District Totals



## NUMBERS by GRADE LEVELS

ELEMENTARY (37)

- 12 CAMPUSES

JUNIOR HIGH (271)

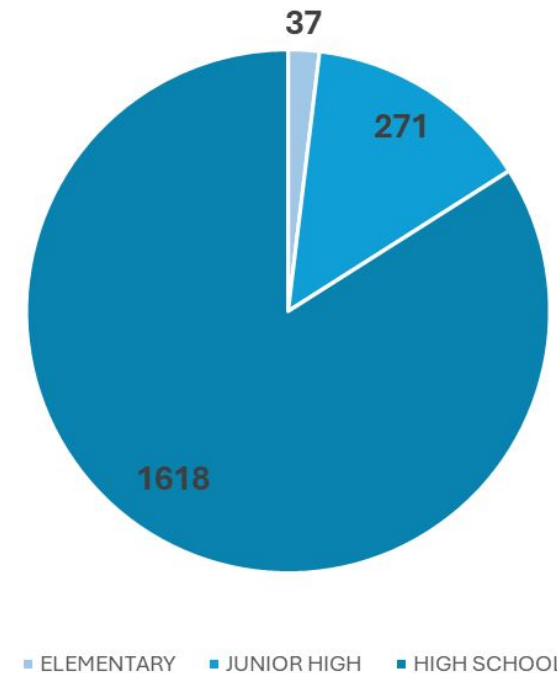
- 6 CAMPUSES

HIGH SCHOOL (1618)

- 6 CAMPUSES

***TOTAL: 1,926***

GRADE LEVELS



# **ELEMENTARY**

**Alamo: 4**

**Banuelos: 1**

**Ashbel Smith: 2**

**Crockett: 4**

**Harlem: 8**

- **1/2nd Offense**

**Highlands: 5**

- **1/2nd Offense**

**Bowie: 1**

**Pumphrey: 6**

- **2/2nd Offense**

**Clark: 1**

**San Jacinto: 1**

**Austin: 3**

**Walker: 1**



# JUNIOR HIGH

## Baytown Junior: 49

- 1/2nd Offense
- 1/3rd Offense

## Cedar Bayou: 60

- 7/2nd Offense

## E.F. Green: 30

- 1/2nd Offense

## Gentry: 51

- 3/2nd Offense

## Highlands: 38

- 4/2nd Offense
- 1/3rd Offense

## Horace Mann: 43

- 2/2nd Offense
- 1/3rd Offense



# HIGH SCHOOL

## Goose Creek Memorial: 232

- 24/2nd Offense
- 2/3rd Offense

## Impact: 31

- 1/3rd Offense

## Lee: 513

- 88/2nd Offense
- 13/3rd Offense
- 3/4th Offense

## Peter Hyland: 21

- 2/2nd Offense

## Sterling: 685

- 99/2nd Offense
- 16/3rd Offense
- 7/4th Offense
- 1/5th Offense

## Stuart Career: 136

- 19/2nd Offense
- 1/3rd Offense







**THANK  
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