

Board Information Item

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Subject:	Act on Changes to Board Policy FNCE(LOCAL), Personal Communications Devices/Electronic Devices
Contact Person:	Dr. Kalee McMullen, Executive Director of Instructional Leadership Kyle Berger, Chief Technology Officer Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer
Policy/Code:	Board Policy FNCE(LOCAL) House Bill 1481
Priority and Performance Objective:	Priority 1: Student Achievement and Post Secondary Preparedness Objective 1.4: Student Involvement
Summary:	<p>After the passage of House Bill 1481, the administration worked with TASB and legal counsel to revise and update Board Policy FNCE(LOCAL), regarding students' personal communications devices/electronic devices. The proposed policy changes align with the requirements of the new law.</p> <p>House Bill 1481 requires school districts to prohibit student use of personal communication devices at school during the school day. School districts may establish processes for storage of such devices during the school day. Limited exceptions are allowable for the use of devices. These have been incorporated into the policy. The law becomes effective September 18, 2025.</p> <p>The administration recommends that the Board adopt the revised policy in order to communicate with parents and students ahead of the new school year regarding the required changes for</p>

personal devices. Additionally, the administration will work on an administrative regulation to outline procedural items. For example, student devices shall be off or on silent with no vibration and stored in backpacks, bags, lockers, etc.

Attachments:

Proposed Board Policy FNCE(LOCAL)

Recommendation:

The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the updates and changes to Board Policy FNCE(LOCAL), as presented.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS

Purpose

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AK 7/12/25: The single paragraph addressing storage is recommended to replace the individual paragraphs addressing the campus age group/grade level configuration because statute now prohibits all use during the instructional day.¶

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Personal Communication Devices

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

For purposes of this policy, the instructional school day begins at the beginning of the first instructional period of the day and ends at the end of the last instructional period of the day.

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 shall confiscate a student's personal communication device that is used in violation of this policy or any applicable regulations.

If a personal communication device is not retrieved, the District shall dispose of the device after providing the notice required by law.

Exceptions

A student shall be authorized to wear a personal smartwatch only for the purpose of checking the time. If a student is found using a smartwatch to send or receive messages, make calls, or otherwise communicate, the device will be confiscated and treated the same as other personal communication devices.

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;

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2. The student's use is required due to a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
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.

The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Compliance

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board on the implementation and compliance of this policy.

**Student-Tracking
Safety Devices**

A parent shall obtain approval from the principal before operating a student-tracking safety device with recording or listen-in capability at school or at a school-sponsored event. Because of student privacy concerns, the District requires listen-in technology to be disabled while the device is on the campus. The District prohibits unauthorized audio or visual recordings or transmission of audio or images of other students.

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Consequences for violations of this policy shall be included in the District's Student Code of Conduct and/or the Student Handbook.¶
Other Electronic Devices¶
A student must have approval to possess other personal telecommunications and electronic devices on campus such as smartwatches, Bluetooth headphones, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers. Without such permission, teachers shall collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal shall determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.¶
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]

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