Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees
Date of Board Meeting: July 28, 2025
Topic: Local Policy FNCE (Local)
Background and Rationale:
Under <u>House Bill 1481</u> , school boards must adopt a policy designating a method to store students' devices and outline discipline measures for students who break the policy, including confiscation of the phones.
FNCE (Local) will add this provision to board policy.
Relationship to Strategic Plan:
Personnel Affected:
Budget Implications:
☐ Include in this year's budget
☐ Amendment of this year's budget required
☐ Increase in this year's budget required
☐ Expenditures required for next year's budget
X N/A
Recommendation: Approve the addition of FNCE (Local).

Signature (Person Bringing Information to the Board)

Note:

For searches of personal communication devices or other personal electronic devices, see FNF.

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

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

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.

provide a report on any confiscations or disposals. This could be a conversation between the superintendent and the board.