



Student Personal Communication Device Guidelines

During the state's 2025 legislative session, lawmakers passed and Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law a bill that prohibits students from using personal devices during school hours.

House Bill 1481 takes effect the 2025-2026 school year and requires all Texas school districts to prohibit students from using "personal wireless communication devices," which the law defines as "any wireless electronic communication device, other than a device provided to students by a school for instructional purposes, capable of transmitting and/or receiving data."

What Devices Are Restricted:

- Personal cell phones
- Tablets
- Gaming devices
- Smart watches
- Bluetooth headphones or earbuds
- Fitness trackers that can send or receive messages
- Personal computers not being used for instructional purposes
- Two-way radios
- Pagers
- Any other device capable of digital communication.

What Devices Are Allowed:

Devices purchased and issued by Levelland ISD are exempt from this restriction.

What this means for Levelland ISD:

- Students are expected to store them securely on their person or any other method established by the respective campus during school hours. Device use is not permitted at any time during school hours, which includes passing periods and lunch times.
- Exceptions will be made for documented medical needs and special education accommodations. (Families who wish to request this exception should work directly with their campus nurse or administrator.)

Disciplinary Consequences:

High School:

First Offense:

- Device(s) confiscated and securely stored in administration office
- 3 days of lunch detention
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up the device(s)

Second Offense:

- Device(s) confiscated and securely stored administration office
- Student assigned to 1 day of In-School Suspension
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up the device(s)

Third Offense:

- Device(s) confiscated and securely stored administration office
- Student assigned to 3-5 days of In-School Suspension
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up the device(s)

Fourth Offense:

- All subsequent violations will result in insubordination and treated as a serious offense according to the LISD Student Code of Conduct

Lack of cooperation and/or disruptive behavior towards a campus staff member and/or campus administrator may result in additional disciplinary action

Middle School:

First Offense:

- Warning

Second Offense:

- Device confiscated
- Parent given copy of the law
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)

Third Offense:

- Device confiscated
- 3 days of Lunch Detention
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)

Fourth Offense:

- Device confiscated
- 3 days of After School Detention
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)

Fifth Offense:

- Device confiscated
- 3 days of In-School Suspension
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)

Sixth Offense:

- Device confiscated
- 6 days of lunch detention
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)

Seventh+ Offense:

- Any other incidents after six will result in 10 days of In-School Suspension for each event.

*Refusal to turn the device over to staff or campus administration is an automatic 3 days of In-School Suspension.

Elementary Schools:

First Offense:

- Warning

Second Offense:

- Phone taken up
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)
- Parent given copy of the law

Third Offense:

- Phone taken up
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)
- 1 day of lunch/recess detention

Fourth+ Offense:

- Phone taken up
- Parent/Guardian required to pick up device(s)
- 2 days of lunch/recess detention