

IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Working - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
5:00 PM

Irving ISD Board Room
2621 West Airport Freeway
Irving, TX 75062
Monday, July 21, 2025

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER FOR 5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comment - Individuals Wishing to Address the Board on Agenda Items.

III. Special Recognition

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Receive an Overview Presentation on HB1481 Electronic Device Requirements and Consideration of Yondr Pouches for Compliance (A. Gomez) 3

B. Discuss Items on the July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board May Recess the Open Meeting and Reconvene in a Closed Meeting Pursuant to the Following Sections of the Texas Government Code and as Authorized by Sections 551.071-551.076 and 551.082-551.084 Therefore of

A. Section 551.071 - To Seek the Advice of the Board's Attorney About:

1. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Offer, or Matter Under Investigation.

2. A Matter in Which the Professional Duty of the Attorney to the Board Conflicts with the Applicable Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

B. Section 551.072 - To Deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Sale, Lease or Value of Real Property if such Deliberation in Open Session Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Board's Position in Negotiations with a Third Party.

C. Section 551.074 - To Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Resignation, Evaluation, Reassignment, Proposed Nonrenewals, Termination, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee; or to Hear a Complaint or Charge Against an Officer or Employee.

D. Safety and Security - Discussion of District-Wide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

VI. **RECONVENE** from Closed Meeting for Action Relative to Items Covered in Such Meeting.

A. Consider Action by the Board Related to Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Offer, or Matter Under Investigation.

B. Consider Action Regarding Purchase, Exchange, Sale, Lease or Value of Real Property.

C. Public Comments - Individuals Wishing to Address the Board or Make Comments Regarding Issues Not on the Agenda will be Heard at this Time.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW PRESENTATION ON HB 1481 ELECTRONIC DEVICE REQUIREMENTS AND
CONSIDERATION OF YONDR POUCHES FOR COMPLIANCE**

Submitted by: Ahna Gomez, Chief of Schools

Summary: A presentation will be provided to the Board outlining the requirements of House Bill 1481, which mandates local policies prohibiting student use of cell phones during the school day. The presentation will include an overview of the legislation and the District's proposed implementation plan addressing compliance with HB 1481. The Board will also receive information on how the policy will be communicated and enforced across elementary and secondary campuses, including the use of Yondr pouches at secondary schools and local procedures at elementary schools.

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House Bill 1481

July 21, 2025

Board Work Session



HB 1481: Personal Communication Device Restrictions

HB 1481 (Effective Sept. 1, 2025) requires all districts to adopt a policy prohibiting student use of:

- *Cell phones*
- *Smartwatches*
- *Tablets & other personal electronic devices*

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Applies:

- *All day, while students are on school property, not just during instructional periods*

District policy must designate secure storage locations for devices

Exceptions permitted for:

- Medical reasons, IEP/504 accommodations, emergency uses



District Considerations

- Considering the purchase of Yondr pouches for secondary campuses:
 - Devices are secured at the start of the day and unlocked by staff at dismissal.
- Widely adopted: Already in use by districts across Texas (Grand Prairie ISD, Richardson ISD, etc.).
- Student control, but secure:
 - Students keep the pouch on them all day (no need to turn in or risk theft), but it's locked shut by a magnetic system that only staff can unlock
 - Does not violate student property rights
- Elementary Campuses:
 - Students store electronic devices inside their backpacks throughout the school day

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Guidelines

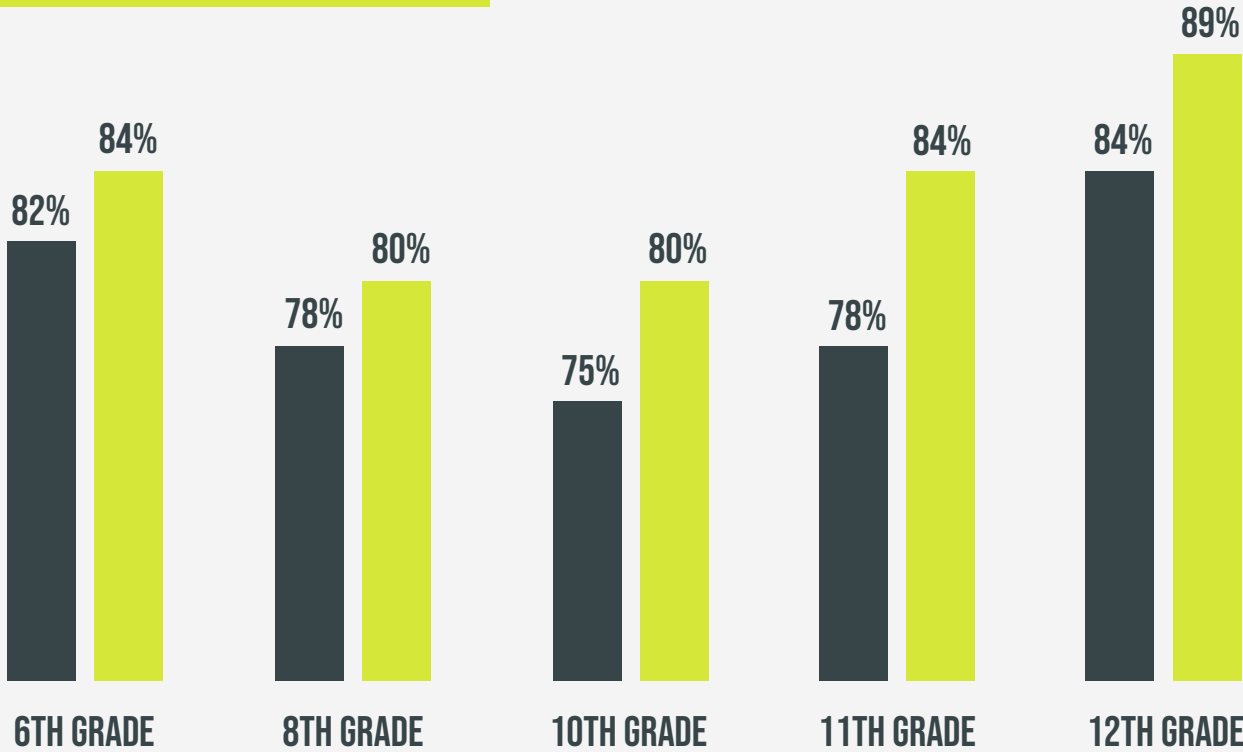
- **Beginning of the School Day:**
 - Power off personal communication devices
 - Place cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones/earbuds into Yondr pouches
 - Securely seal Yondr pouch and store in backpack for the remainder of the day

- **End the School Day:**
 - Unlock pouch utilizing the unlocking base
 - Retrieve devices from the pouch
 - Store empty pouch in backpack for the following day



STUDENT SUCCESS RATE

Previous Year
 Year-1 with Yondr



After implementing Yondr 38% increased probability of passing grades in academically focused classes for 11th and 12th grades, and academic success increased across all grade levels.

Source: *Yondr in Education: An Examination of Academic and Behavioral Outcomes*



Questions?

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