

TISD Personal Communication Regulations

Inspire, Equip, and Empower Every Student to Achieve Their Unique Potential

To help students stay focused, engaged, and ready to succeed, Taylor ISD is updating its Personal Electronic Communication policy in alignment with the State of Texas House Bill 1481. This law bans the use of personal device use during instructional time—allowing scholars to be more present, build stronger connections, and fully participate in learning. Together, we're creating a safe, supportive environment where every student can thrive.

Guidelines: Pre K-12

The term "Personal Communication Devices " includes:

Cell phones

Smartwatches

Headphones and earbuds

tablets/lpads

Any personal communication device not issued by TISD. (*Instructional use of district-issued devices is not impacted.*)

When can my student use their device:

Students are not allowed to bring their electronic devices to school.

- Students may leave their personal devices at home
- Students may leave their personal devices in their personal vehicles (secondary students; parking permit required)
- Place their personal devices in the assigned campus lock-box (location of lock-box determined by campus)

Emergency

In an emergency, students are expected to follow staff directions and remain calm. Phones should not be used during lockdowns to prevent the spread of misinformation or drawing attention. TISD will communicate updates directly with families using official tools like phone calls, emails, and texts. Student safety is our top priority, and this policy supports safety protocols by reducing confusion during critical events.

If there is a personal or medical emergency, your child may:

- Request to call you from the front office or nurse's office.
- Be supported by staff who are trained to assist in emergencies.

Extracurricular Activities

In accordance with House Bill 1481, personal communication devices (including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and other electronic devices) are prohibited during:

- Athletic games and competitions
- Instructional periods
- Practice sessions

Limited exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Athletic Director for specific events or circumstances.

Student-athletes are expected to:

- Surrender personal communication devices when requested
- Understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct

In case of emergencies, parents should contact the Athletic Department or coaching staff directly.

Health/Medical

Students with documented medical needs that require phone access may receive individual accommodations. Current medical documentation will need to be submitted to the school nurse and campus administrator. The campus administrator will create a plan that supports your child's health and privacy.

Expectations

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1481, our personal communication device policy establishes clear expectations for all students regarding the use of cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, tablets, iPads, and other personal communication devices during the school day.

Campus administrators will consistently state and reinforce these expectations to ensure all students understand the policy requirements: Students are not allowed any personal communication devices during the school day or while on school grounds.

Students who do not adhere to this policy will have their device confiscated immediately. **This policy will be strictly enforced and will be followed without granting a warning.**

Confiscated devices will be subject to the listed consequences outlined in our policy, including parent notification, administrative fees, and progressive disciplinary actions as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct.

Taylor ISD expects full compliance with this policy and appreciates the partnership of students, parents, and staff in creating an environment where learning can thrive without unnecessary distractions.

Offense	Phone Confiscated	Parent Notification	Parent Conference	School Detention	In-School Suspension
#1	✓ -Student may pick up from front office at the end of the day	✓ -phone call			
#2	✓ -Parent pick up from front office	✓		✓	
#3	✓ -Parent pick up from front office	✓	✓ -Parent meeting with Assistant Principal; sign personal communication policy		
#4	✓ -Parent pick up from front office	✓	✓ -Parent meeting with Principal		1 Day
#5 or More	✓ -Parent pick up from front office	✓	✓ -Parent Meeting with DOSS		2 Days

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