



Student Technology & Cell Phone Policy

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the new Texas Law (House Bill 1481) requires schools to prohibit student use of devices (personal or school-issued) for the purpose of personal communication during the instructional day. This law was passed in an effort to reduce distractions, combat screen addiction, and improve academic focus and mental health.

Students are permitted to bring personal technology devices (e.g., cell phones, tablets, earpieces, headphones) to school. However, all devices must remain turned off and completely out of sight throughout the academic day, including during arrival and hallway transitions.

- Devices may only be used after school, starting at 3:30 PM.
- This policy applies to all personal technology, including cell phones, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, tablets, etc.

Infractions & Consequences

Violations of this policy will result in the following disciplinary actions:

1. First Infraction

- Warning Issued
- Parent/guardian notified
- Device returned to students at the end of the day

2. Second Infraction

- Device confiscated
- Parent/guardian must retrieve the device from the front office during school hours

3. Third Infraction

- Device confiscated and student will be assigned detention
- Parent/guardian must retrieve the device and conference with an Administrator
- A \$25 fee must be paid at the time of pickup

4. Fourth + Infraction

- Device confiscated and student will be assigned ISS or OSS based on the infraction number
- Parent/guardian must retrieve the device and conference with an Administrator
- Students will be banned from bringing a device to campus or any school-related event.

Important Note: Infractions are cumulative across all types of personal technology. For example, if a student is caught with a visible cell phone, that constitutes the first infraction. If the same student is later seen with headphones out, that will be considered the second infraction, regardless of the device type.