

[District Name] Board of Education Policy
Student Personal Electronic Device Use Policy

I. Purpose

In accordance with [70 O.S. § 1-126](#), this policy establishes a districtwide prohibition on student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours (“bell to bell”) for the 2025–2026 school year. The purpose is to reduce distractions, support student engagement, and promote a safe and focused learning environment.

II. Definitions

A. Bell to bell:

The time between the first bell ringing at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day.

B. Personal electronic device:

A personal device capable of connecting to a smartphone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi network, or directly connecting to another similar device,” including smartwatches, smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses, but excluding school-issued or school-approved devices limited to classroom instruction.

III. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the [District Name] that students are prohibited from using personal electronic devices on school campuses during the bell to bell period.

IV. Exceptions

A. Students may utilize personal electronic devices during the instructional day only under limited security- or health-related circumstances, including but not limited to:

1. Emergency Use Authorized Use by School Personnel

Designated school staff may allow limited use of personal electronic devices in rare or time-sensitive situations if deemed necessary for safety, security, or student welfare. These allowances are at the discretion of school administration and do not constitute standing permission. This may include but is not limited to:

- Threats to student safety
- Campus emergencies (e.g., lockdowns or natural disasters)
- Urgent communication directed or approved by school personnel

2. Documented Medical or Health-Related Use

Students who require the use of a personal electronic device as part of a documented medical plan are permitted to do so in accordance with applicable laws and district procedures. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) or insulin pump monitoring apps
- Epilepsy seizure alert devices
- Medical alert systems
- Apps or wearables for auditory, visual, or mobility assistance

Requests for health-related exemptions must be:

- Documented in a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or health plan on file with the school nurse or designated administrator

- Reviewed and approved in coordination with school health personnel and administrators

V. Disciplinary Procedures- Must Adopt This or Create Own Disciplinary Procedures

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action and shall be implemented through a progressive discipline model to address noncompliance, ensuring that enforcement is consistent, developmentally appropriate, and focused on correcting behavior while maintaining a productive learning environment.

A. First Offense

The student shall receive a verbal warning and be reminded of the policy expectations. The incident shall be documented by the staff member.

B. Second Offense

The personal electronic device shall be confiscated and stored in a secure location. The device may be returned to the student at the end of the school day or, at administrative discretion, released only to a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian shall be notified, and the incident shall be documented.

C. Third Offense

The student shall be referred to the school administration. A parent or guardian conference may be required. Disciplinary actions may include detention, loss of privileges, or other consequences as defined in the student code of conduct.

D. Fourth and Subsequent Offenses

Continued violations may result in further disciplinary action, including but not limited to in-school suspension, a behavioral contract, or other appropriate consequences as outlined in the district's discipline policy.

E. Refusal to Comply

Students who refuse to surrender a personal electronic device upon request shall be referred to administration immediately. Such refusal may be treated as insubordination under the district's discipline code.

F. Restorative Interventions

When appropriate, restorative practices such as reflective assignments, mediation, or student-led discussions may be used in conjunction with disciplinary consequences to reinforce positive behavior and digital responsibility.

G. Equity and Fairness

Disciplinary actions shall be applied equitably and without bias. All staff members responsible for enforcement of this policy shall be trained to ensure consistent and fair implementation across all student groups.

VI. Device Storage and Management- Optional

Schools may utilize secure storage methods (e.g., lockers, lockboxes, Yondr pouches, designated storage areas) to manage student devices during the instructional day.

VII. Annual Review

The [District Name] administration shall evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of this policy annually and make recommendations to the Board of Education for any necessary changes in accordance with state law and district needs.

VIII. Legal Authority

This policy is adopted pursuant to [70 O.S. § 1-126](#), which requires all public school districts and charter schools in Oklahoma to adopt a prohibition on student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours for the 2025–2026 school year.

Approved by the [District Name] Board of Education on [Insert Date]

Board President: _____

Superintendent: _____

Legal Reference: [70 O.S. § 1-126](#)