

CAYUGA ISD

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY



NEED TO KNOW

Texas House Bill 1481 goes into effect for the 2025–2026 school year, and it will directly impact how students can use personal communication devices—including cell phones, smartwatches, and similar devices—during the school day.



What is a Personal Communication Device?

A personal communication device includes any electronic device capable of sending, receiving, or storing communication. This includes:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches (e.g., Apple Watch)
- Tablets with messaging apps
- Handheld gaming devices with chat features
- Smart glasses with communication capabilities

Under this new law:

Students may not use cell phones, smartwatches, or other personal communication devices inside the school building during the instructional day.

All school districts must enforce policies that limit or prohibit personal device use during school hours.

Discipline

*All offenses require that the device be sent to the office and a parent to come pick up the device.

1st offense- Conference with Principal

2nd offense- After school detention

3rd offense- 1 day ISS and will not be allowed to bring a device back on school property.

**** IF A STUDENT DOES NOT TURN OVER THE DEVICE WHEN ASKED...THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BRING A PHONE BACK TO SCHOOL REGARDLESS OF WHAT OFFENSE IT FALLS UNDER.**

**PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE TO BE LEFT AT HOME
OR
OFF AND REMAIN IN STUDENT VEHICLE OR LOCKER**

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS

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