

TCISD Cell Phone Policy

2025-2026

This policy is in accordance with HBI481. Texas law mandating school districts implement policies prohibiting the use of personal communication devices by students on school property during the school day.



Students in grades K-5 are prohibited from bringing personal communication devices to school without written approval from the Superintendent. If allowed, the device will remain in the office during the school day.

Students in grades 6-12 are prohibited from using cell phones, smart watches or air pods during the school day. Students will place their phones on 'airplane mode' and secure them in a Yondr pouch upon arrival to school. High School students who leave campus for lunch may unlock their pouch during the lunch period. Students will be allowed to unlock their pouches at dismissal.

Parents will need to contact the school office if they need to reach their child.

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- If a student is caught with a cell phone, smart watch, or air buds outside of their assigned Yondr pouch, the parent will come to the school and pick up their child's phone at the end of the school day. The student will have lunch detention for one week for the first offense plus a \$15 fine and 10 hours of community service. For a second offense a student will receive two weeks lunch detention, a \$15 fine and 20 hours of community service under the supervision of the Campus Behavior Coordinator. For each additional offense a week of lunch detention will be added, a fine of \$15 ,10 hours of community service will be added and the device will be confiscated for a period of 90 days.
- Students will pay a fine of \$75 for damaged OR lost Yondr pouches and complete 20 hours of community service under the supervision of the Campus Behavior Coordinator.
- Students who forget their pouch will have lunch detention and their phone will remain in the office for the school day.
- HS students who go home for lunch may unlock their pouches when leaving campus.

Students who forget to unlock their Yondr pouch at the end of the school day will be able to use the unlocking station located outside the front entrance (JH doors). Please DO NOT contact staff to unlock Yondr pouches.