ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HB 1481:
WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW



The Texas legislature passed House Bill 1481 and it was signed into the law June 2025. This Texas law now requires school districts to adopt policies that prohibit students from using personal wireless communication devices during instructional time.

What does this mean?

- Students ***may not*** use personal devices such as phones, tablets, laptops, or smartwatches during class.
- Classrooms have a secure, out-of-sight area where these devices are stored.
- The law applies to ***all Texas public schools*** starting with the 2025–2026 school year.

What is a personal wireless communication device?

- Any device capable of sending or receiving data that is not issued by the school, including:
  - Cell phones
  - Texting devices
  - Tablets
  - Laptops
  - Smartwatches

What's happening now?

Our district is reviewing and finalizing the local policy to meet the law's requirements. We'll share full details with families by August 6, 2025.