

**FNCE — Student Conduct: Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices (Implementation of HB 1481) - [Website FAQs](#) & [TEA Commissioner Rules & Guidance](#)**

<p><b>PURPOSE/STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS</b></p>	<p>In accordance with HB 1481 enacted by the State of Texas, and in an effort to promote an optimal learning environment and positive learning atmosphere within Argyle ISD, students in grades PK-12 will be required to refrain from accessing and using <i>cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, radio devices, paging devices, or any other electronic device capable of communication</i> while on school property during the entire school day.</p>
<p><b>BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upon arrival to the campus premises and before entering the school facilities, students must power off all <i>cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic devices capable of communication</i>.</li> <li>2. Before entering the building and while awaiting the opening of school doors, students must place any <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication</i> into their backpacks.</li> <li>3. It is the student’s responsibility to arrive at class punctually with their cell phone, smartwatch, and wireless headphones/earbuds completely out of sight and powered off.</li> </ol>
<p><b>THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain your <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication</i> securely within your backpack for the duration of the school day.</li> <li>2. Accessing your cell phone, smartwatch, and/or wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods anywhere on campus during the school day is strictly prohibited.</li> </ol>
<p><b>CONCLUSION OF THE SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Once off-campus, students are permitted to utilize their <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication</i>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>CONSEQUENCES</b></p>	<p>If a student’s <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication</i> is visible at all during the school day:</p> <p><b>1ST OFFENSE (Offense is ‘per’ student &amp; cumulative)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any</i></li> </ul>

*other electronic device capable of communication will be confiscated and stored* in the campus's front office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.

- Each campus will have a **lockable metal storage case or safe** to securely store confiscated devices.
- A **device confiscation form** will be completed for each incident.
- A warning will be issued to both the student and the parent or guardian about further consequences for failing to comply with the cell phone-free policy.
- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication*; Students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.
- Parent or guardian pick-up of a confiscated device can only occur:
  - Same day before 2:15 PM for Grades PK-5 and before 4:00 PM for Grades 6-12, or
  - The next school day after 7:30 AM for Grades PK-5 and after 8:30 AM for Grades 6-12.
  - **Please note:** Once a device is picked up by a parent or guardian, it will not be returned to the student while the student is still on campus that day. The device must be taken home and returned to the student after school hours.
  - A **parent or guardian signature** will be required when the device is picked up from the campus.
- The offense will be recorded in the Student Information System (SIS) using the cell phone violation action code

**2ND OFFENSE (Offense is 'per' student & cumulative)**

- The *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication* will be confiscated and stored in the campus's front office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
  - Each campus will have a **lockable metal storage case or safe** to securely store confiscated devices.
  - A **device confiscation form** will be completed for each incident.

- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication*; Students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.
- Parent or guardian pick-up of a confiscated device can only occur:
  - Same day before 2:15 PM for Grades PK-5 and before 4:00 PM for Grades 6-12, or
  - The next school day after 7:30 AM for Grades PK-5 and after 8:30 AM for Grades 6-12.
  - **Please note:** Once a device is picked up by a parent or guardian, it will not be returned to the student while the student is still on campus that day. The device must be taken home and returned to the student after school hours.
  - A **parent or guardian signature** will be required when the device is picked up from the campus.
- The student will be assigned one day of in-school suspension (ISS).
- The offense will be recorded in the Student Information System (SIS) using the cell phone violation action code.

**3RD OFFENSE (Offense is ‘per’ student & cumulative)**

- The *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication* will be confiscated and stored in the campus’s front office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
  - Each campus will have a **lockable metal storage case or safe** to securely store confiscated devices.
  - A **device confiscation form** will be completed for each incident.
- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication*; Students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.
- Parent or guardian pick-up of a confiscated device can only occur:
  - Same day before 2:15 PM for Grades PK-5 and before 4:00 PM for Grades 6-12, or
  - The next school day after 7:30 AM for Grades

PK-5 and after 8:30 AM for Grades 6-12.

- **Please note:** Once a device is picked up by a parent or guardian, it will not be returned to the student while the student is still on campus that day. The device must be taken home and returned to the student after school hours.
- A **parent or guardian signature** will be required when the device is picked up from the campus.
- The student will be assigned 1-3 days of in-school suspension (ISS)
- The student is **no longer eligible** for final exam exemptions.
- The offense will be recorded in the Student Information System (SIS) using the cell phone violation action code.
- The student is completely **BANNED** from bringing any *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication* on campus at any time.

**4TH OFFENSE & BEYOND (Offense is ‘per’ student & cumulative)**

- The *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods, AI glasses, or any other electronic device capable of communication* will be confiscated and stored in the campus’s front office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
  - Each campus will have a **lockable metal storage case or safe** to securely store confiscated devices.
  - A **device confiscation form** will be completed for each incident.
- An **in-person meeting** will be scheduled with the parent or guardian before a device is returned to the parent/guardian. A **parent or guardian signature** will be required when the device is picked up from the campus at the conference.
- The student remains **ineligible** for final exam exemptions.
- The offense will be recorded in Skyward (SIS), using the cell phone violation action code.
- The 4th offense and beyond **shall be considered insubordination** for refusing to comply with school rules and guidelines related to *cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or*

	<p><i>any other electronic device capable of communication</i> use and bringing a <b>banned item</b> onto campus. This will be treated as a serious offense according to the AISD Student Code of Conduct, and consequences will be issued accordingly, which may include DAEP.</p>
<p><b>EXCEPTION: IEP, 504, Physician’s Orders, and/or Health/Safety Requirement imposed by Law or District Safety Protocols</b></p>	<p>This bill requires the policy to allow use of a <i>cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones/earbuds/AirPods or any other electronic device capable of communication</i> as necessary to implement an IEP or Section 504 plan, by a student with a documented need based on a directive from a physician, or administratively approved to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or the district’s or school’s safety protocols.</p> <p><b>TEA Definition &amp; Commissioner Rules: “Qualified physician”:</b> If a student has a documented need to use a personal communication device based on a directive from a qualified physician; a directive must be submitted to the campus principal. A qualified physician for purposes of this policy shall mean a physician licensed to practice in Texas. The directive must state the conditions under which the student would need to access and use their personal communication device during the school day on school property. The parent may be asked to sign consent for school staff to contact the physician should the school need more information in order to comply with the directive. Use authorized under this provision should be conducted in a manner that minimizes disruption to instruction and the school environment, and may be subject to reasonable limitation on time, place and manner as determined by principal or designee. Authorization under this provision can be revoked if the device is being used in a way that is found to disrupt the learning environment.</p> <p>If the superintendent determines that a <b>legally required health or safety requirement</b> would authorize or require the use of a personal communication device, the superintendent shall notify all appropriate staff of the circumstances by which this would be authorized or required. The <b>school board must vote</b> to approve any use under this exception.</p> <p>Campus principals are authorized to use discretion in permitting student use of personal communication devices in emergency circumstances. <b>Any use</b> permitted under this exception <b>must be reported to the board</b> during the next regularly scheduled school board meeting.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> While students with a documented exception may carry a personal communication device for approved purposes, they are still</p>

	<p>prohibited from using the device to text, make calls, or engage in other forms of communication. Any student who is provided an exception in accordance with the above remains subject to disciplinary measures if the student uses a personal communication device outside the scope of the documented authorized use.</p>
<p><b>Students Traveling for Extra-Curricular School-Sponsored Events</b></p>	<p>Students may use their devices during extracurricular activities or transportation <b>once they have exited</b> the campus and school premises.</p>
<p><b>Parent/Guardian Need to Contact a Student During the School Day</b></p>	<p>To protect instructional time and minimize classroom disruptions, Argyle ISD requires that <b>non-emergency messages</b> be handled thoughtfully and in advance.</p> <p><b>For Students in Grades PK–5:</b> Parents may contact the campus front office directly. Office staff will use discretion to determine when a message needs to be delivered to a student during the school day.</p> <p><b>For Students in Grades 6–12:</b> To minimize interruptions, <b>non-emergency messages</b> should be emailed directly to your student’s AISD Gmail account. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notifications about items dropped off in the front office (lunches, instruments, athletic gear, etc.)</li> <li>● End-of-day transportation changes (unless emergency-related)</li> </ul> <p><b>Early Dismissals for Appointments (All Grades):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If the appointment is <b>pre-scheduled</b>, send your child with a <b>note that morning</b> so a pass can be issued in advance.</li> <li>● For <b>last-minute or emergency appointments</b>, please contact the front office — your student will be called out of class as needed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Emergency Situations:</b></p> <p>Every classroom is equipped with a <b>phone</b> capable of calling the front office and 911. In addition, all staff wear a <b>Centegix badge</b>, which can be used to alert emergency responders instantly.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, the district will send official updates via <b>ParentSquare</b> using the contact information on file. All communication should come through official district channels as it is made available.</p>

<p><b>Responsibility of School Staff</b></p>	<p>All schools will follow a consistent, district-wide process to ensure the policy is communicated and enforced fairly for all students. The Texas Educator Code of Ethics in Board Policy DH (LOCAL) requires in Standard 1.7 (G), <i>The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.</i></p>
<p><b>Responsibility of School for Confiscated Items</b></p>	<p><b>TEA Commissioner Rules:</b> If a personal communication device is in the possession of the school, the school will take appropriate efforts to keep the device appropriately stored and free from damage. However, parents should note the school specifically disclaims any liability for devices that are damaged or lost while in the school’s possession. Parents will not be compensated for devices that have been in the school’s possession in the event those devices are lost or damaged while in possession of the school.</p>
<p><b>DEFINITIONS - TEA Commissioner Rulings</b></p>	<p><b>“School property”</b> means anywhere on a school’s campus or in a district facility where instruction is provided, including but not limited to: <i>classrooms, hallways, gyms, cafeterias, band halls and all other extracurricular spaces; outdoor fields, tracks, and other athletic areas; all breezeways, courtyards, playgrounds, and other outdoor areas, specifically including all school parking lots.</i></p> <p><b>“School day”</b> means the time of day beginning with the first bell of the day and ending with the last bell of the day.</p> <p><b>“use”</b> is defined as a device in possession of a student that is turned on and capable of receiving or sending a communication signal.</p> <p><b>“possession”</b> is defined as being on the person of the student, directly held, in pockets, in a backpack, in a pouch, or otherwise accessible and under the control of the student directly.</p> <p><b>“personal communication device”</b> is defined in Texas Education Code Section 37.082(d). It also includes any wearable technology that is capable of digital communication or telecommunication, like glasses.</p> <p>All district administrators and school-based staff members are authorized to confiscate a personal communication device used in violation of this policy.</p>

