NISD Electronic Device Policy

Purpose

In line with Texas Education Code §37.083, as amended by HB 1481, all district campuses will implement a policy that prohibits students from using personal communication devices during the school day. Students are required to have their cell phones and other personal communications devices "off and away" in their backpack during the school day. This includes classroom instruction, passing periods and lunch. District issued Chromebooks are unaffected by the law.

Medical exemptions exist for some students supported by special education or 504 services. Activities before and after the school day, such as riding the bus or extracurricular activities, are unaffected by the new law.

Prohibited devices include Cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication.

Consequences for Violations

The law requires school districts to implement consequences for students who do not adhere to a school district's device policy. The disciplinary responses listed below are applicable to all Northwest ISD schools. If a student's electronic device(s) is visible during the day, or being used in violation of this policy, the following steps will apply:

Offense	Consequence
1st Offense	• Device confiscated and returned to student at the end of day • Student Conference/Warning • Parent Contact
2nd Offense	• Device confiscated and returned to student at the end of day • Detention/ECO • Parent Contact
3rd Offense	• Device confiscated and released only to parent • 1 day ISS • Behavior contract
4th Offense	• Device confiscated and released only to parent • 3 days ISS
5th Offense	• Device confiscated and released only to parent • 5 days ISS
6th Offense & Beyond	• Device confiscated and released only to parent • Discretionary DAEP placement

Please note, if a student is found in violation of this policy and refuses to hand over their device to a staff member, the student will be assigned additional disciplinary consequences in addition to the offense consequences listed above.