Northwest
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1481

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 and devices 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.

STUDENTS:

- Use NISD-issued chromebook for academics.
- Keep all other electronic communication devices at home or "off and away" in backpack during the school day.

FAMILIES:

- Support a focused instructional environment.
- Adjust family communications to before and after school, contacting the front office for vital or emergency needs.

CAMPUS:

- Maintain a focused instructional environment.
- Support families and students in need of access to real-time communication through the front office.

PROHIBITED DEVICES:



Or any other personal electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

1

- Device confiscated and returned to student at the end of day
- Student conference / warning
- Parent contact

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- Device confiscated and returned to student at the end of day
- Detention/ECO
- Parent contact

3

- Device confiscated and released only to parent
- 1 day ISS
- Behavior contract

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- Device confiscated and released only to parent
- 3 days ISS