BISHOP C.I.S.D.

2025-2026
DISTRICT CELL PHONE POLICY
"Disconnect to Reconnect with Learning" INITIATIVE

As of June 20, 2025, Governor Greg Abbott signed into law a statewide mandate prohibiting the use of personal communication devices (PCDs), including cell phones by students during instructional hours across Texas.

Enforcement and Disciplinary Action

Should a District Employee see a cellphone and/or communication device on a student's person (even if the imprint is visible in a pocket), the following will apply:

1st Offense	• Device will be confiscated and returned to parent/guardian at the end of the school day • $15 Administrative Fee at pick-up
2nd Offense	• Device will be confiscated for 1 entire business day and returned to parent/guardian at the end of the school day • $15 Administrative Fee at pick-up
3rd Offense	• Device will be confiscated for 2 entire business days and returned to parent/guardian at the end of the school day • 2 days ISS • $15 Administrative Fee at pick-up
4th Offense	• Device will be confiscated for 3 entire business days and returned to parent/guardian at the end of the school day • 3 days ISS • $15 Administrative Fee at pick-up
5th Offense	• 15 days of DAEP • Phone is held until the end of the semester

Refusal to Turn In Device
1st Offense - 5 Days ISS
2nd Offense - 10 Days ISS
3rd Offense - 15 Days DAEP
Subsequent insubordination offenses will be at the discretion of the Campus Behavior Coordinator.

What does this mean for the 2025-2026 school year?

- The use of cell phones and PCDs on campus during the **instructional school day** is strictly prohibited.
- Students must keep all cell phones and PCDs SECURED and HIDDEN. These devices should be turned off and put away (in backpack, purse, locker, or vehicle).
- **Instructional hours** are defined as:
  - *7:30am-3:45pm*
    - *BHS, LLJHS, Bishop Elementary, and Bishop Primary*
  - *7:15am-3:15pm*
    - *Petronila Elementary*

What qualifies as a "Personal Communication Device" under this policy?

Any electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication including, but not limited to:


Smart Watches


Cell Phones


Tablets or Laptops


AirPods/Wireless Headphones