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On July 2, 2025, Governor Kotek released [Executive Order No. 25-09](#) which requires that all Oregon school districts have a policy in place that restricts the use of personal electronic devices from the start of regular instructional hours to the end of regular instructional hours.

“Personal electronic devices” means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of:

- Making and receiving calls
- Making and receiving text messages
- Accessing the Internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure

Key aspects of this order include:

- **No Personal Electronic Devices** – Students are prohibited from using smartphones, web-enabled flip phones, cellular-capable tablets and e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, and connected headphones or earbuds.
- **School-issued Devices** – These can still be used support academic activities.
- **Policy Adoption** – School districts must adopt policies aligned with this order by October 31, 2025.
- **Parent Communication** – Parents should rely on school staff to communicate with students if necessary.
- **Less Student Distraction** – This order aims to help foster student learning, well-being, and belonging by reducing distractions and promoting healthy, focused school environments.
- **Expectations** – If students bring the prohibited items to school, they will be expected to keep them turned off (completely powered down, **NOT** just in sleep mode) and **put away** (in a locker, their vehicle, or backpack) for the **ENTIRE** school day – from the **FIRST** bell to the **LAST**.

Please begin preparing your students now for the changes ahead and thank you for supporting a focused and distraction-free learning environment.

For additional information on this order, please visit the Oregon Department of Education website: [ODE Guidance and FAQ for Personal Electronic Device Policies](#)