



PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD CELL PHONE & PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

Effective September 1, 2025

NEW TEXAS LAW

The Texas House Bill 1481, passed during the 89th Legislative Session and signed into law on June 20, 2025, requires all Texas school districts to adopt a policy **prohibiting the use of cell phones and personal communication devices during the school day** to improve academic outcomes and classroom behavior.

This policy applies to **ALL** personal communication devices—such as **cell phones, smartwatches, iPads/tablets, META glasses, wireless earbuds**, and other similar technology.



What does this mean?

All PSJA ISD students must follow these procedures daily before entering **ANY** classroom:

OFF & AWAY

From the moment students enter their campus until the final dismissal bell, cell phones must be powered off and stored away.

Parents, please review these expectations with your child before the first day of school. In case of an emergency, contact the school directly. In emergency situations, the administration may approve the use of personal devices when necessary.

Exceptions to Policy

Students with a documented medical need or approved learning accommodation (e.g., use of a personal device for assistive technology) must coordinate arrangements through the school administration and their 504/IEP team.

Questions? Contact PSJA Student Services

956.354.2008

VIOLATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

1st Violation

Device will be confiscated by the teacher/staff and turned into campus administration. Student will receive verbal warning and parents/guardians will be notified. Student will receive the device at the end of the day.

2nd Violation

Device will be confiscated by the teacher/staff and turned in to the campus administration. Parent/guardian will need to pick up the device in person.

3rd Violation

Device will be confiscated by the teacher/staff and turned into campus administration. Student will face disciplinary actions in accordance with district's Student Code of Conduct such as detention, loss of privileges or behavioral contracts.

4th Violation

Student will be charged a fine for confiscated phone and parent/guardian must pick up the device in person.

Refusal to Comply

Any student who refuses to relinquish a telecommunication device upon request by an administrator will be subject to further disciplinary measures in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.