



Horizon High School

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Texas 79928

Principal's Office



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Horizon High School Families,

During the 89th Legislative Session, the Texas legislature passed Texas House Bill 1481, which requires all districts to adopt and implement a policy that prohibits the use of personal communication devices, including cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, and personal tablets by students on school property during the school day.

In August, the Clint ISD Board of Trustees adopted the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct and policy FNCE(Local), which explains the ban on communication devices and their consequences. The Student Code of Conduct and Board Policies can be found on the Clint ISD website at <https://www.clintweb.net/>.

The Texas Legislature has the best intentions for our Texas students, as prolonged cell phone use can be distracting and prevent students from focusing on lessons and learning experiences. As an administrator for many years, I have observed how students are increasingly drawn to social media, which has been linked to emotional issues and discipline problems on school campuses. Therefore, we need the help of parents to ensure that students and Horizon High School are following the law and that students' learning and emotional well-being are improved. The following are steps you can take to support your child and Horizon High School:

1. Ensure that you and your child are familiar with the Policy FNCE(Local) and the Student Code of Conduct
2. Set expectations for your child on the appropriate use of cell phones and adhering to district policies and laws in general
3. Discuss a plan for your child to keep their cell phone off and in their backpack, purse, or pocket from 9 am to 4:30 pm
4. Discuss the consequences if their cell phones are confiscated and the requirements for parents to retrieve the phones under the first offense
5. If students do not cooperate in relinquishing their device upon request, the consequences can include placement in In-School-Suspension, Out-of-School Suspension, Disciplinary Alternative Educational Placement (DAEP), and loss of extracurricular privileges.

I need your help so we do not have to confiscate phones. We will remind students, but after several reminders, students will face consequences. The entire HHS staff is working towards building trust and respect between students and staff. When students comply with school policies and state laws, we function more effectively, instruction improves, and trust is strengthened. Can I count on your support?

We will have more information available for parents at our Open House on September 24.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edmond Martinez
Principal