

Indiana's New Cell Phone Law



The new “Bell-to-Bell” Law effective July 1, 2026
Beginning with the 2026-27 School Year

What Parents Need to Know

What does the law say?

Indiana's new law restricts the use of personal wireless communication devices “bell-to-bell” during the entire school day.

What devices are included?

Cell phones, smartwatches, headphones, tablets, gaming devices, and other personal wireless communication devices.

Are there exceptions?

Yes. Exceptions may be made for school-declared emergencies, documented medical needs, or other accommodation purposes.

Can students use phones at lunch or between class?

No. The “bell-to-bell” rule means devices are restricted all day, including lunch and passing periods.

How will devices be managed?

Each school will have procedures in place for storing devices during the school day (i.e., backpacks, lockers)

How can I contact my child?

Please contact the school office for urgent messages or emergencies. We will ensure your child receives the message.

What are the benefits?

More focus, stronger learning, better mental well-being, and more meaningful connections at school.



The Law at a Glance

- Bell-to-bell restriction during the school day
- Supports student focus, mental health, and safety
- Schools set specific procedures
- Effective July 1 for the 2026-27 School Year



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