



**Lawrence Public Schools
Superintendent Statement
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**Board of Education Policy JCDC
PK12 Student Personal Electronic Communication Devices**

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In compliance with Kansas law HB 2299, effective July 1, 2026, the Board of Education will move forward to adopt [JCDC. PK12 Student Personal Electronic Communication Devices](#).

Background:

Lawrence Public Schools has always been committed to maximizing instructional time and creating learning environments where students are engaged, focused, and connected. In December 2024, the district implemented [Board Policy JCAA - Cell Phones and Electronic Devices](#).

This prior policy prioritized instructional time and the important work of teachers and students in classrooms by **reducing classroom distractions of student personal electronic communication device use**.

Next Steps in Lawrence Public Schools

With the passage of HB 2299, effective July 1, 2026, the Board of Education will be required to ensure compliance with state law through a new policy.

With the implementation of **Policy JCDC, PK12 Student Personal Electronic Communication Devices**, Lawrence Public Schools will join all Kansas school districts in implementing a personal electronic communication device-free school environment, extending throughout the school day for all PK12 students, across all campuses. As required by state law, the following expectation must be met:

- **The use of personal electronic communication devices, as required by law and defined in Board Policy JCDC, is prohibited during the school day for all students at all grade levels.**
- **Personal electronic communication devices must be securely stored in an inaccessible location during the school day.**

Members of the Board will conduct a first reading of Policy JCDC Student Personal Electronic Communication Devices at their meeting on July 27, 2026 in preparation for a vote at the next Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2026.

We will continue to communicate further information with students, families, and staff members.