



Personal Electronic Devices

Guidelines for Use in Grades EC-12

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, Texas House Bill 1481 requires all school districts to restrict the use of personal communication devices during the instructional day. Academy ISD will enforce a policy prohibiting the use of personal electronic devices at any time during the school day.

EXPECTATIONS:

- **Device Usage:** Cell phones, smart watches, wireless headphones, and other personal devices used to communicate electronically must be powered off during school hours.
- **Headphones:** Wireless headphones, earphones, and earbuds with bluetooth capability are not allowed to be worn on campus.
- **School Day:** Class time from the first to the last instructional period, passing periods, restroom breaks, and lunch.
- **Turned Off and Stored:** Powered down, out of sight, and not to be used. Inside a backpack, purse, or gym bag. Carrying devices on the body is not permitted
- **Restricted Areas:** Cell phones and telecommunication devices may not be used in the hallways, restrooms, locker rooms, cafeteria, or any common areas throughout the school day.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in progressive discipline:

OFFENSE	CONSEQUENCE
1 ST OFFENSE	Device confiscated. Parent/Guardian contact.
2 ND OFFENSE	Student referred to Admin. Device confiscated. Parent/Guardian notified and required to pick up the device during the school day.
3 RD OFFENSE	Student referred to Admin. Device confiscated. Student assigned ISS. Parent/Guardian notified and required to pick up the device during the school day.
4 TH OFFENSE	Student referred to Admin. Device confiscated. Student assigned ISS. Parent/Guardian notified and required to pick up the device during the school day.
5 TH OFFENSE	Student referred to Admin. Device confiscated. Student assigned ISS days and placed on campus probation. In-person meeting with Parent/Guardian to pick up the device during the school day.
6 TH OFFENSE	Student referred to Admin. Device confiscated. Student assigned ISS days and placed on campus probation. Campus Level Conference with recommendation for placement in DAEP.

EXCEPTIONS:

- **Emergencies or Drills:** During emergencies or drills, students may carry their backpack, bag, or purse, ensuring access to their cell phone for emergencies.

UNCLAIMED DEVICES:

- Devices not collected within 90 days may be considered abandoned and are subject to disposal.

AISD COMMUNICATIONS

- In the event of an emergency, AISD will communicate with updated information through email, text message, the district webpage, and/or social media.