

TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1481 PASSED



What is HB1481: New Texas law passed, requiring all public schools and charter K-12 schools in Texas - including Academy ISD - to restrict personal electric device use during instructional hours and while on school property.

PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Promote focused learning environments
- Reduce distractions in classrooms
- Limit social media misuse during school hours



KEY PROVISIONS

- Personal Communication Device: Any personal electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication, including phones, tablets, smartwatches, radios, and paging devices.
- Exceptions are provided for students with documented medical needs, special education accommodations, or other health and safety requirements as outlined by law.
- Academy ISD is currently working on a district-wide policy that aligns with the new legal requirements. ***This policy will be in effect beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.***

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- We encourage parents and guardians to begin discussing this upcoming change with your student(s) to help them prepare. ***Let them know it is now a STATE LAW (HB1481) not just a school rule.***
- Let your child know parents can contact the school office. All classrooms have dedicated phones. Make sure your child has important names and phone numbers on hand.
- We look forward to working together to ensure a smooth transition and compliance with this new state law.