**Texline ISD Student Personal Communication Devices Policy**

**Texas House Bill 1481** mandates that Texas public schools develop and implement policies to prohibit student use of personal communication devices during the school day on school property.

The use of cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, radio devices, paging devices, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication are prohibited in school.  Devices must be left at home or stored in secure storage on campus. Specifically for Texline ISD Students, there are two options:

1. Students can leave their cell phone at home. **OR**
2. Students can check their cell phone into the designated lock box in the office of the Dean of Students before the first bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Other personal communication devices such as but not limited to: Bluetooth headphones such as air pods, smart watches, tablets, computers, etc. are not permitted anywhere on school property.

**If a student chooses to bring their cell phone to school, the following rules apply:**

1. Cell phones should be powered off and placed inside storage box. Students will retrieve their student id badge from the box and return their badge to the box at the end of the day to retrieve their cell phone.
2. Students may not leave their cell phone in their vehicle parked on campus. Cell phones must be turned into the designated box. No exceptions.
3. Stored cell phones may only be removed during the lunch period for high school students with authorization for open campus lunch.
4. Students are only able to access their personal cell phone. Students caught taking a cell phone that is not theirs will be disciplined according to the student code of conduct.
5. Tardies will not be excused for students turning in their devices**.** It is the student’s responsibility to arrive to school early enough to place their device in the designated storage and make it to class on time.
6. Other personal communication devices of any kind are not permitted on school property. Students may bring their headphones when traveling on school sponsored trips at the discretion of trip sponsor. If the trip sponsor allows headphones, those must also be checked into the storage on day of the trip.
7. This document serves as warning. No other warnings will be given**.**
8. Texline ISD is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices as it is student’s choice to bring the device to school or leave it at home.

**Consequences for Violating the Cell Phone Policy:**

**First Offense:**  Student will serve lunch detention and the confiscated device may be picked up by the student after the final school bell for the day.

**Second Offense:**  Student will serve one day of in school suspension and the confiscated device may be picked up by the student’s parent after the final school bell for the day.

**Third Offense:**  Student will serve a three day in-school suspension and confiscated device may be picked up by the student’s parent after the final school bell for the day.

**Subsequent Offenses:** Student will be placed in DAEP and lose the privilege of bringing any device to school for the remainder of the year upon returning to school after their DAEP is complete.

**“Dummy Phone”:** Students caught turning in a dummy phone and retaining their actual phone will jump to the third offense consequences automatically.