

## **Frankston ISD Student Personal Communication Device Policy and Guidelines**

To promote the best possible learning and social environment in the classrooms and schools of Frankston ISD, students will adhere to the guidelines listed below during the school day. The intent of this policy is to limit access to and use of personal cell phones to avoid distractions from learning and the loss of instructional time as well as adhere to House Bill 1481 TEC Sec. 37.082. Per Sec. 37.082, a personal communication device means “a telephone, cell phone such as smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication” (ex. laptop, any type of headphones/earbuds used for communicating).

### **GUIDELINES OF USE**

Students are required to keep their personal telecommunication devices powered off, not visible, and stored in their backpack, purse, bag, etc. to limit accessibility during the entire school day, 7:20-4:10pm. Additionally, smartwatches and cell phones cannot be in pockets. Students who violate the campus policy will be subject to disciplinary actions. Parents/guardians may contact the campus office if they need to contact with their child:

Elementary (903) 876-2214

Middle School (903) 876-2215

High School (903) 876-3219

<b>Area of Directed Use</b>	<b>Appropriate to Use</b>
Before/after School (on the bus)	YES
In classrooms, the library/media center	NO
Between classes (in the halls and/or common areas)	NO
In the cafeteria (during lunch)	NO
In the locker room or bathroom	NO

**\*\*Exceptions:** a directive from a qualified physician, implementation of an IEP/504 plan, necessary to comply with a health/safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's/school's safety protocols

### **STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

Campus administrators and staff will state expectations clearly and reinforce the importance of maintaining a cell phone-free environment at the beginning of the year. Administrators and staff will monitor cell phone violations. The use of a cell phone or any telecommunication device capturing images is prohibited at all times during the school day. If a student uses a cell phone without authorization during the school day, the device shall be confiscated and the stated consequences will be followed. Only a parent or guardian showing their valid ID or driver's license card may pick up the confiscated device.

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's cell phone/telecommunication device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Board Policy FNF.] Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen cell phones or other telecommunication devices, as students bring those devices to school at their own risk.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

Unauthorized use of cell phones, Smart Watches, any type of Headphones and other devices used to electronically communicate are infractions of the guidelines. Students using a personal electronic telecommunications device during the instructional day without the explicit permission of an authorized district employee will result in confiscation of the device and adherence to the graduated list of authorized consequences below. Only the device used will be confiscated. In the event of unauthorized use, the teacher will ask the student for the cell phone one time. Failure to turn over the cell phone upon first request will result in a discipline referral to campus administration, confiscation by administration, and adherence to the graduated list of consequences. Administrators, teachers, and other district staff, including substitutes or someone else covering the class, are authorized employees responsible for telecommunication device confiscation.

### **ELEMENTARY**

#### **1st Offense:**

- Folder mark
- Discussion with teacher
- Device is held in office until the end of the day with student signature of retrieval

#### **2nd Offense:**

- Folder mark
- Parent/guardian phone call by the teacher
- Device is held in office until the end of the day with student signature of retrieval

#### **3rd Offense:**

- Office referral
- Parent/guardian phone call by an administrator
- Device is held in office until the parent/guardian retrieves it

#### **4th Offense:**

- Office referral
- Parent/guardian phone call by an administrator
- Device is held in office until the parent/guardian retrieves it

\*Any offense beyond #4 will have a day of ISS added to the already established #4 Offense consequences for not adhering to the FISD Electronic Communications Device Policy.

\*\*Additional offenses will be considered an act of insubordination. Refusal to surrender an electronic device to any member of the faculty, will be considered insubordinate. Rules governing insubordination will apply as outlined in the Student Code Of Conduct.

## **SECONDARY**

### **1st Offense**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student may retrieve the device after school

### **2nd Offense**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student assigned a 30 minute detention
- Student may retrieve the device after school after detention is served

### **3rd Offense**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student assigned one (1) hour after school detention
- A parent conference is scheduled
- Student may retrieve the device after school serving detention

### **4th Offense**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned one (1) day ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone from the campus office

### **5th Offense**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned three (3) days ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone from the campus office

### **6th Offense (or any offenses beyond 6)**

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned three (3) days ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone at the end of the school year

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## **Frankston ISD Personal Electronic Communication Device Policy and Guidelines**

By signing this form, I acknowledge receipt of the Frankston ISD Personal Electronic Communication Device Policy and Guidelines. I have read and understand all guidelines and will support Fisd in helping my child adhere to the policy.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form to the appropriate campus office.

### Student Electronic Communication Device Offense Record #1

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Student Electronic Communication Device Offense Record #2

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Student Electronic Communication Device Offense Record #3

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature for Retrieval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Offense Beyond #3: Yes    No    Offense #: \_\_\_\_ (see Student Code of Conduct)

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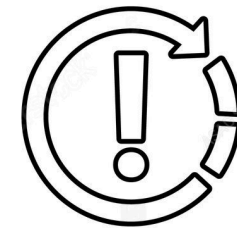
A **school day** is considered:

- instructional time including tutorials
- breakfast and lunch
- recess and PE
- transitions
- any time during 7:20-4:10pm



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- devices are off and stored out of sight
- devices include earbuds, laptops, smartwatches, etc.
- FISD is not responsible for loss, damaged, or stolen devices
- parents contact the campus office to communicate with their student



Three **Exceptions:**

- a directive from a qualified physician
- implementation of an IEP/504 plan
- necessary to comply with safety requirements imposed by law or the district's protocols

# ELEMENTARY CONSEQUENCES

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## #4 OFFENSE

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# SECONDARY CONSEQUENCES

## #1 OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student may retrieve the device after school

## #2 OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student assigned a 30 minute detention
- Student may retrieve the device after school after detention is served

## #3 OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by office
- Student assigned one (1) hour after school detention
- A parent conference is scheduled
- Student may retrieve the device after school serving detention

## #4 OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned one (1) day ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone from the campus office

## #5 OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned three (3) days ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone from the campus office

## #6+ OFFENSE

- Device is confiscated and parent is contacted by the assistant principal
- Student assigned three (3) days ISS with the offense noted in Skyward as a violation
- Parent can retrieve cell phone at the end of the school year

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