



## **LAREDO ISD: *Student Use of Personal Communication Device Policy*** *(Cell Phones, Smart Watches, Tablets & More)*

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### **Devices Are Not Allowed to Be Used During the School Day**

To support learning and minimize distractions, **students are not allowed to use any personal communication devices** — including cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and other electronic devices — during school hours.

**School Hours:** From the **first bell to the last bell** on all school property (classrooms, hallways, gyms, cafeterias, restrooms, outdoor areas, parking lots, etc.)

### **What Is Allowed**

- **Possession is allowed**, however devices must be **powered off and stored inside backpacks** at all times during the school day.
- **Use is allowed after the school day ends.**

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### **Examples of Prohibited Devices**

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication

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### **Consequences for Violating the Policy**

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

- Device confiscated and stored in office
- Parent/guardian is notified
- Warning issued
- Device can only be picked up by a parent/guardian

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

- Device confiscated and stored
- Parent/guardian is notified
- **1 day of In-School Suspension (ISS)**
- Device released to parent/guardian only

### 3rd Offense or More:

- Device confiscated and stored
- **In-person meeting required** with parent, student, and principal before device is returned
- **2–3 days ISS**
- Additional disciplinary actions may apply

**If not retrieved:** Devices not picked up within 90 days after final notice **may be disposed of**.

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### During State Testing

- Students **may NOT carry or access any electronic device**
  - **Devices must be turned in to the test administrator**
  - **State assessments may be invalidated** if a device is found in use or possession
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### Exceptions May Apply

Some students **may be authorized** to use devices under the following circumstances:

- As part of an **IEP or 504 plan**
- With **medical documentation** from a licensed Texas physician
- As required by **state law or district emergency protocols**

*Each exception must be documented with the campus principal. Students may still face consequences for using devices outside the approved use.*

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### Important Reminders

- **Students are not allowed to access devices during the day**
  - **Staff will confiscate** any visible or active device use
  - **Schools are not responsible** for lost or stolen items
  - Parents/Guardians will be notified within 2 days of confiscation
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### Let's Work Together!

Help us maintain a safe, distraction-free learning environment. Please talk to your child about following the **Student Use of Personal Communication Device Policy** every day.

For questions, contact your school's administration office.