



## Quitman ISD | Policy Implementation Summary & Recommendation

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### Overview of HB 1481 (2025 Legislative Session)

Effective no later than **September 1, 2025**, **House Bill 1481** requires all Texas public schools to adopt and enforce a written policy prohibiting students from using **personal communication devices** on school property during the school day.

#### Key Provisions:

- This applies to any **non-school-issued** device capable of communication (smartphones, flip phones, smartwatches, tablets, radios, etc.)
  - Allows schools to **ban device possession altogether** or designate secure storage
  - Requires schools to **honor exceptions** for students with IEPs, 504 plans, medical documentation, or legal safety protocols
  - Grants districts the authority to **confiscate and dispose of devices** after notice to parents
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### Campus Recommendation

Quitman ISD will implement procedures that **prohibit students from bringing personal communication devices onto campus during the school day**. (7:15 AM to 3:30 PM)

- This applies to any **non-school-issued** device capable of communication (smartphones, flip phones, smartwatches, tablets, radios, etc.)
- All personal communication devices will need to be turned off and stored in a secure location.
- A secure location will be defined as one of the following:
  - Non-see-through backpack, vehicle, or a school-issued locker, as applicable
  - Note that students with IEPs or 504 plans will have access as defined by those plans. QISD will fully accommodate all required exemptions under the law.

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## Transition Period: August 13 – September 1, 2025

To ensure a smooth rollout of this policy, **August 13 through September 1** will serve as a **transition period**:

- Students will be reminded to turn off devices and secure them. If it is seen or heard, it will be taken by a staff member.
- Phones found on students and not secured will be **confiscated and held for parent pick-up**.
- **No disciplinary consequences** will be applied during this window.
- The focus will be on **educating students and families**, reinforcing expectations, and preparing for full enforcement.

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## Full Policy Enforcement Begins September 1, 2025

### Secondary Campus Consequences

Offense	Consequence
<b>1st Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>Detention</b>
<b>2nd Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>1 day ISS</b>
<b>3rd Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>3 days ISS</b>
<b>4th Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>5 days ISS and DAEP placement considered</b>

### Elementary Campus Consequences

Offense	Consequence
<b>1st Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>Warning, Parent Conference</b>
<b>2nd Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>1 day ISS</b>
<b>3rd Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>3 days ISS</b>
<b>4th Offense</b>	Phone confiscated; parent pick-up; <b>5 days ISS</b>