



Brazos Independent School District

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Dear Brazos ISD Families,

We want to inform you of an important update regarding student cell phone use on our campuses. On July 23, the Brazos ISD Board of Trustees approved a new cell phone policy in compliance with **House Bill 1481**, which was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott during the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, Brazos ISD will implement a policy known as "**Away for the Day**"—a model being adopted by many districts across the state to support focused, distraction-free learning environments.

Under this policy, students will be required to keep their cell phones and similar personal electronic devices **turned off and out of sight** during the instructional day. The instructional day is defined as the time the student enters the school building until the time they leave the school building at the end of the instructional day. Students will be required to store these devices in their backpacks or leave them at home.

Prohibited personal electronic devices include:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Earbuds
- Laptops, Tablets
- And any other personal communication device

We believe this new policy will help:

- Improve classroom focus and academic performance
- Promote healthy social interaction and communication
- Reduce incidents of cyberbullying, distractions, and inappropriate use during school hours

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,
Dave Plymale
Superintendent