

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 3715

By: Caldwell (Chad)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-126), which relates to use of personal electronic devices; requiring school district boards of education to adopt policy prohibiting student use of personal electronic devices; eliminating reference to optional policies; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-126), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-126. A. As used in this section:

1. "Bell to bell" means the time between the first bell ringing at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional time; and

2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi

1 network, or directly connecting to another similar device. Personal  
2 electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart watches,  
3 smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses. Personal  
4 electronic devices shall not include school-issued or school-  
5 approved devices that are specifically limited for use in classroom  
6 instruction.

7 B. ~~1.~~ For the 2025-2026 school year and each school year  
8 thereafter, each school district board of education shall adopt a  
9 policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal  
10 electronic devices while on the campus of a public school district  
11 from bell to bell. The policy shall include disciplinary procedures  
12 for violations.

13 ~~2. For the 2026-2027 school year and each school year~~  
14 ~~thereafter, each school district board of education may adopt a~~  
15 ~~policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal~~  
16 ~~electronic devices while on the campus of a public school district~~  
17 ~~from bell to bell.~~

18 C. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection B of this section  
19 may provide for exceptions including, but not limited to:

20 1. Emergency use of cell phones or personal electronic devices  
21 by students during the school day; and

22 2. Use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by  
23 students who use them to monitor health issues.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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