

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 3715

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
9 Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section
10 1-126), which relates to use of personal electronic
11 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.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2025

17 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-126), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

23 2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable
24 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.

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

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