

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 139

By: Seifried and Bergstrom of
the Senate

and

Caldwell (Chad) and Moore
of the House

An Act relating to schools; defining terms; requiring school district boards of education to adopt a policy prohibiting use of cell phones and personal electronic devices while on campus during certain time period for certain school year; allowing such a policy beginning in certain school year; directing policy to contain disciplinary procedures; allowing policy to include certain exceptions; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: Cell phones in schools

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____