

Wylie High School Cell Phone Policy

Wylie ISD pursues student learning and engagement while minimizing distractions and disruptions along with maintaining a safe environment that is conducive to academic achievement. The stated cell phone policy is intended to support and enhance current safety protocols and procedures. Teachers may incorporate technology as part of their lesson plans as long as it supports the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Wylie ISD is a “no cell bell to bell” school district. The following guidelines are to be followed from 7:50 AM - 3:40 PM.

- A student may use their cell phone prior to 7:50 AM and after 3:40 PM.
- Wireless communication devices including watches, earbuds, and cell phones should be silenced and put away (in a backpack or purse) during the school day while on campus, including lunchtime and transitioning between classes.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in bathrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, and any area considered private.
- All teachers will designate an area for student backpacks/purses/cell phones to be placed in their classroom each day.



The following actions will be taken if a student violates the WISD cell phone policy:

1st Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confiscation and held in office until the end of the student’s day ● Parent/Guardian contact ● May be picked up by student at the end of their school day
2nd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confiscation and held in office until the end of the student’s day ● Parent/Guardian contact ● Must be picked up by a parent/guardian ● Lunch detention
3rd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confiscation and held in office until the end of the student’s day ● Parent/Guardian contact ● Must be picked up by a parent/guardian ● Tuesday School
4th Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confiscation and held in office until the end of the student’s day ● Parent/Guardian conference with administrator ● Must be picked up by a parent/guardian ● Saturday School
5th Offense & Beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confiscation and held in office until the end of the student’s day ● Parent/Guardian conference with administrator ● Must be picked up by a parent/guardian ● In School Suspension

At no time shall WISD be responsible for theft, loss or damage of cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto district property.

FAQs:

1. **What is the rationale for students not having access to their device(s) during lunch and transitions?**

- Focus on Learning- Prioritizing school as a place for learning that is distraction free.
- Cyber-bullying- Limiting/eliminating the opportunity for students to have pictures and videos taken of them by other students without their permission.
- Minimizing inappropriate use of social media- The inappropriate use of social media is a problem throughout the country. Students will not have the opportunity to use social media during the school day.

2. **Can a WISD student have cell phones or wireless communication devices on campus?**

A student may possess a cell phone or wireless communication devices on WISD property, on school transportation and at school activities, provided that from the first morning bell to the last dismissal bell, the cell phone is silenced and concealed in their backpack or purse.

3. **What happens if a student refuses to comply with the policy and offense violation procedures?**

Campus administration will follow school discipline procedures for non-compliance.

4. **Will accommodations be made to the WISD Cell Phone Policy for students with documented needs?**

Students will not receive discipline if they use their cell phone or wireless communication device to monitor a health condition that is documented through medical records provided to the school including, but not limited to an IEP, a Section 504 Plan or a Health Plan.

5. **How can a parent contact their child during the school day?**

A parent should call the school if they need to get a message to their student. School personnel will relay that message to the student. In the event of an emergency, a student will be removed from class and directed to the nearest office.

Emails can be sent to hsinfo@wyliebulldogs.org and/or hsfrontdesk@wyliebulldogs.org.

6. **How can a student contact their parents during the school day?**

A student who has an emergency and needs to contact their parents during the school day will be permitted to do so from the nearest office or school phone.

7. **In the event of a schoolwide emergency will students have access to their phone?**

Research supports that the distractions should be limited in the event of an emergency so that the student is focused on following the instructions of the trained adults and not create chaos for emergency personnel. Campus and district communication will be utilized to notify parents and keep parents informed with accurate information. However, student devices will be in their backpack or purse which is in their possession during the school day. In the event of a schoolwide emergency, students will have access to their devices.

