

Sidney ISD Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices Policy

(Sidney School Board Approved)

In order to better maximize instructional time during the school day, not only will all students be expected to continue to turn off-turn in cell phones, but 6-12th students will have cell phones collected at the beginning of 1st period and safely stored until the end of the day. Sidney ISD continues to focus on academics while reducing unnecessary distractions, therefore the school enforces the following in regards to cell phones and other electronic devices beginning on this date November 15, 2023.

Electronic devices such as, smart watches and ear buds shall be turned off when entering the building and stay off from 7:50am to 3:40pm

(6-12th grades)

Cell phones will be collected at the beginning of 1st period and safely stored until the end of the school day. The phones will be returned to students accordingly:

6-8th at the end of the day

9-12th (in athletics) end of 7th period

11-12th (students not in athletics) at the end of the day

Authorized district employees who will be responsible for cell phone confiscation will include administrators and teachers. If a student uses their phone during the school instructional day, it will result in the following:

1st Offense If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated and parent/guardian will be notified and must come to school to retrieve the device.

2nd Offense The device will be confiscated and parent/guardian will be notified and must come to school to retrieve the device. A \$15.00 fee will be charged to return the device to the parent/guardian.

3rd Offense The device will be confiscated and parent/guardian will be notified. A \$15.00 fee will be charged to return the device to the parent/guardian. Students will be assigned In School Suspension (ISS) for 3 days.

- Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parent will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE for more information.]
- **The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.**
- In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Searches on page and policy FNF for more information.]
- Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.