



THRALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

201 S. Bounds
Thrall, Texas 76578

Thrall ISD's Cell Phone & Personal Communication Device Policy frequently asked questions:

1. Why is Thrall ISD implementing a PCD-free policy?

- In alignment with new state law, this policy promotes a focused learning environment by minimizing distractions from cell phones and social media.
- The goal is to help students stay engaged, build stronger in-person relationships, and connect more meaningfully with their teachers and peers.

2. Can students carry their phones with them during the school day?

- Yes, students may have their phones, but they must be turned off and out of sight, stored in their backpack from the moment they enter the building in the morning until they leave campus at the end of the school day. This includes walking to classes that are away from the main campus like athletics, band, agricultural science, physical education, etc.

3. What devices are included in the definition of "Personal Communication Devices"?

- This policy applies to the following:
 1. Cell phones (both smartphones and basic phones capable of texting or calling)
 2. Tablets and handheld gaming devices
 3. AirPods, earbuds, and Bluetooth-enabled headphones
 4. Smartwatches and fitness trackers that connect to the internet

4. How can I contact my student during the school day?

- If you need to reach your child during school hours (e.g., for schedule updates or pickup changes), please contact the school's main office. Staff will ensure the message is delivered promptly.
 - Thrall Elementary School - 512-898-5293
 - Thrall Middle School - 512-898-5328
 - Thrall High School - 512-898-5193

5. What if my child needs to contact me during the school day?

- Students may use a phone located in the main office if they need to get in touch with a parent or guardian.

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6. What if my child has a medical condition that requires cell phone monitoring?

- Students with medical needs—such as diabetes or seizure monitoring—may be granted an exemption with proper documentation from a licensed medical professional.
- Approved use will be limited strictly to the medical purpose and does not permit general phone usage.

7. Can students use their phones during lunch or class transition times?

- No. The policy remains in effect during all parts of the school day, including lunch and passing periods.

8. Can students have their phones out on trips, when they are away at games or events, on buses, etc?

- Yes, but this is dependent upon the Director or Employee/Coach in charge of the student trip

Parents & Students, please understand this is a mandate recently adopted by the State of Texas.

Have conversations now as this goes into effect this 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for helping us create a focused, connected, and distraction-free learning environment!

We WILL Continue to be an Exemplary School District!

Thrall ISD Procedure for failure to comply.

Prohibited use of telecommunication devices on school property during school hours:

- First Offense: Verbal warning and reminder of the rules.
- Second Offense: Device is confiscated and returned at the end of the instructional day.
- Third Offense: Device is confiscated and returned after 3 days, student is assigned Community Service or Saturday School. Devices are not returned on the weekend, any device eligible to be returned will be done during a regular school day.
- Fourth Offense: Device is confiscated and returned after 2 weeks, student is assigned Community Service or Saturday School.
- Following offenses will result in an additional 2 weeks being added.
- Devices kept and not picked up past 90 days will be disposed of by the district.
- All confiscated devices MUST be picked up by a parent or guardian.

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