



A FAMILY GUIDE TO

Our Updated Mobile Device Policy

Nationally there is growing research on the impact of screen time on students' mental health including the recent U.S. Surgeon General recommendation to put warning labels on social media platforms.



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What is Changing?

The previous policy and procedure did not specifically address student mobile device use guidance and only cited discipline for harassment, intimidation, and bullying with telecommunication devices.

When?

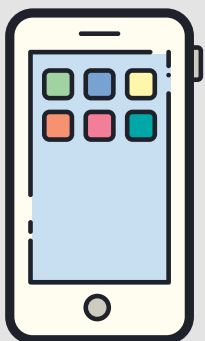
Starting December 2, 2024, Pullman School District will start limiting student mobile device usage in our district in accordance with updated Board Policy and Procedure 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices.

What's New?

Student mobile device usage has been limited to certain conditions and times. Students may still bring these devices to school; however, they must be kept away and unused during school hours.

- Mobile devices can be used only before and after school.
- Mobile devices are not allowed during the school day unless there's an emergency involving imminent physical danger or with administrator permission.
- Students may use mobile devices to manage a documented medical condition as outlined in IEPs, 504 plans, and Health Care Plans, or for use as a language access device.

Definition of a Mobile Device:



Mobile device is defined as any personal mobile telephone, smartwatch, non-medical listening devices, and headsets/earbuds or other portable electronic communication device with which a user engages in a call or writes or sends a message or any device in which the user plays a game or watches a video, except that such term does not include school-issued devices.

