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Dear USD 381 Families,

We want to make you aware of upcoming changes regarding student use of personal electronic devices when we return to school in August 2026.

During the 2026 legislative session, legislation was passed requiring all Kansas schools to adopt policies and procedures prohibiting student use of personal electronic communication devices during the school day, including lunch. This legislation was signed into law by Governor Laura Kelly. You may visit the [Kansas Governor's Office website](#) for additional information.

USD 381 administration is currently developing district procedures and expectations that align with these new state requirements. At this time, families should anticipate that students will not have access to personal devices during the school day. However, students will continue to be able to contact their parents through the school office phone as needed. This expectation will apply to all students in PreK through 12th grade.

Examples of devices include (but not limited to) :

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Earbuds/headphones connected to personal devices
- Other personal communication devices

The state legislation also requires school districts to create procedures related to device storage, enforcement, disciplinary actions, and accommodations for students who require devices for medical needs or as part of an IEP or 504 Plan. If your child has accommodations related to device use, your building principal will communicate with you directly regarding those expectations and procedures.

We recognize this will be a significant adjustment for many students and families. Our goal is to communicate clearly and provide support as we finalize district policies and procedures throughout the summer.

We appreciate your partnership and support as we work to implement these state-mandated changes.

Thank you,

Daina Butler
Superintendent
USD 381