

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5                   BILL NO. 139

By: Seifried and Bergstrom of  
the Senate

6                   and

7                   Caldwell (Chad) of the  
House

10                  An Act relating to schools; defining terms; requiring  
11                  school district boards of education to adopt a policy  
12                  prohibiting use of cell phones and personal  
13                  electronic devices while on campus during certain  
14                  time period for certain school year; allowing such a  
15                  policy beginning in certain school year; directing  
16                  policy to contain disciplinary procedures; allowing  
17                  policy to include certain exceptions; providing for  
18                  codification; providing an effective date; and  
19                  declaring an emergency.

20                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21                  SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified

22                  in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there  
23                  is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24                  A. As used in this section:

25                  1. "Bell to bell" means the time between the first bell ringing  
26                  at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the

1      dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional  
2      time; and

3            2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable  
4      of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi  
5      network, or directly connecting to another similar device. Personal  
6      electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart watches,  
7      smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses. Personal  
8      electronic devices shall not include school-issued or school-  
9      approved devices that are specifically limited for use in classroom  
10     instruction.

11            B. 1. For the 2025-2026 school year, each school district  
12      board of education shall adopt a policy prohibiting students from  
13      using cell phones and personal electronic devices while on the  
14      campus of a public school district from bell to bell. The policy  
15      shall include disciplinary procedures for violations.

16            2. For the 2026-2027 school year and each school year  
17      thereafter, each school district board of education may adopt a  
18      policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal  
19      electronic devices while on the campus of a public school district  
20      from bell to bell.

21            C. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection B of this section  
22      may provide for exceptions including, but not limited to:

23            1. Emergency use of cell phones or personal electronic devices  
24      by students during the school day; and

1       2. Use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by  
2 students who use them to monitor health issues.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OVERSIGHT, dated  
04/16/2025 - DO PASS.

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