

Mt. Enterprise ISD Cell Phone Policy – Consequences for Violations

In compliance with House Bill 1481 (Effective Aug 18, 2025)

Covered Devices:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Earbuds/headphones
- Tablets and other personal communication devices

Policy Summary:

Students are **not allowed to use or access personal electronic devices at any time during the school day**, including **before school, during passing periods, lunch, and dismissal**. All devices must remain **off and out of sight** from arrival until the end of the instructional day.

Consequences for Violations

Offense	Consequence
1st Offense	Device is confiscated and held in the office until the end of the school day. Parent/guardian is notified. Student receives a documented warning.
2nd Offense	Device is held in the office. Parent/guardian must pick up the device in person at the end of the school day.
3rd Offense	Same as above, plus 1 day of In-School Suspension (ISS) . Referral to administrator for further action.
4th Offense	2 days ISS , parent conference required. Student may lose privileges (e.g. extracurriculars, assemblies).
5th Offense or More	Considered persistent misbehavior. May result in out-of-school suspension , DAEP, behavior intervention plan, or loss of other privileges.

Important Notes

- Only **parents or legal guardians** may retrieve confiscated devices.
- Students with **documented medical, safety, or educational needs** will be accommodated as required by law. (504, IEP)
- Refusal to surrender a device when asked will be considered **defiance of authority** and may result in additional disciplinary action.