

**ALDINE ISD CELL PHONE POLICY
2018- 2019**

Aldine ISD permits students to possess cell phone devices on campus to support student safety before and after school. Our policy requires supervision of students PK-grade 1 by adults at bus stops and for walkers. Cell phones are prohibited for students in grades PK-Grade 1.

Cell phones are prohibited at the District Alternative Education Program (Compass) and GAP Center.

1. Cell phones must be turned off and cannot be visible on campus during the school day.
2. **The campus includes** loading and unloading areas for cars and buses, in the building, or on campus grounds.
3. **The school day includes** but is not limited to, before or after school, class time, passing periods, lunch periods, after school detention or tutorials, during emergency drills, practices for extracurricular events and field trips.
4. **High school students are allowed to wear ear buds and listen to music before classes begin, during lunch and during passing periods so long as it is not deemed a distraction as determined by an administrator.**
5. Placing a cell phone on vibrate or texting is not considered off and is prohibited.
6. Using a cell phone to record or video tape is prohibited.
7. Students are not permitted to possess radios, MP3 players, video or audio recorders, DVD players, cameras, games or other electronic devices at school unless prior permission has been obtained by campus administration.

Violation of this policy will result in the following:

First Offense:

1. **The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian after a seven (7) calendar day waiting period.**

OR

2. **In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected and the phone will be returned to a parent at the end of that school day.**

Second Offense:

1. The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian after a thirty (30) calendar day waiting period.
2. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected.

Third Offense:

1. The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian after the end of the school year.
2. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected.

If the return period ends during a school vacation or holiday the phone will be available for return the first day school is back in session.

Any violation of this policy which causes or involves a distraction or interruption of transportation, the instructional environment or leads to the violation of other district rules or policies will be subject to disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with a staff directive to turn in a cell phone will be considered defiance of authority and subject to disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.

If parents must contact a student during the school day they are requested to contact the school office for assistance.

Students requiring using a phone during the school day must use a school phone available for student use with appropriate permission.

Aldine ISD personnel are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged cell phone or electronic devices.

State testing guidelines prohibit cell phones during state testing (TAKS, TELPAS, STAAR, EOC).

Any violation of this policy can result in the invalidation of the assessment and further disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.