

Below is a list of statewide school cell phone restrictions, either created by law or policy. Major city or county policies are indicated as well. Your school district or specific school may have policies that restrict cell phone use, please refer to their website for more information.

State	Bill #	Link	Subject	Status	Medical exception?
AL	n/a	https://www.alabamaachievements.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SBOE_AR_202428_Resolution-Regarding-Cellular-Telephone-Usage-in-AL-Schools_v1.0.pdf	Cell phone ban policy recommended, not required	In effect	No.
AK	n/a	https://alaskabeacon.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/12A-Resolution-Cell-Phones-11_25.pdf	Policy recommendation	In effect	Yes.
AR	n/a	https://governor.arkansas.gov/news_post/sanders-invites-arkansas-school-districts-to-join-phone-free-school-mental-health-pilot-program/	Pilot program	In effect	Unclear. Schools can choose to participate in pilot program to get pouches for students to safely store their phones during the school day.
CA	AB 3216	AB 3216: Pupils: use of smartphones. Digital Democracy (calmatters.org)	School governing bodies must create cell phone limitation/prohibition	Enacted 9/23/2024, effective July 2026.	Yes.
CA	n/a	L.A. school district approves strict student cellphone ban - Los Angeles Times	LA School District cell phone ban	Pass, effective Jan. 2025	Unclear.
CT	n/a	https://portal.ct.gov/governor/-/media/sde/board/position_statement_cell_phone_use.pdf	State Board of ED strongly recommends restricting use of cell phones	In effect	Yes.

DE	SB 326	https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/141568	Cell phone funding pilot	In effect	Unclear. Schools can choose to participate in pilot program to get pouches for students to safely store their phones during the school day.
FL	CS/HB 379	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/379	Cell phone ban	In effect	No.
FL	n/a	https://www.browardschools.com/wirelessdevices	Broward County implementing FL state law	In effect	Yes.
FL	n/a	https://bocanewsnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/PBC-School-Wireless-Policy.pdf	Palm Beach County implementing FL state law	In effect	Yes.
ID	n/a	https://sde.idaho.gov/topics/cell-phone-policy/	Incentivizing policy, school gets money if they adopt a policy that restricts cell phone use	In effect	Yes, under recommended policy checklist.
IN	SB 185	https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2024/bills/senate/185/details	Cell phone policy	In effect	Yes.
LA	Act 313	https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1380785	Cell phone ban with exceptions	In effect	Yes.
MA	n/a	https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2024/729/	Pilot program grant	In effect	No. Up to school what they use the money to do and determine content of the policy.
MN	HF3782 SF3567	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?session=ls93&number=HF3782&session_number=0&session_year=2023&version=list	Requires school districts to adopt policies. Requires state's principal associations to create best practices	Gov. signed, effective 5/18/2024	No. Up to school district to determine content of the policy.

MO	n/a	https://www.cpsk12.org/family-resources/cell-phone-free-expectations	Columbia school district cell phone policy	In effect	Yes.
NV	NRS 392.4637	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-392.html	Must adopt a cell phone policy	In effect	No. Up to school district to determine content of the policy.
OH	HB 250	HB 250	Cell phone prohibition	In effect	Yes.
OK	n/a	https://sos.ok.gov/documents/executive/2127.pdf	Policy Recommended through "Challenge"	Implement policies by 11/29/2024	No. Up to school district to determine content of the policy.
OR	n/a	https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/teachingcontent/Pages/CellPhoneGuidance.aspx	Policy recommended through non-binding guidance	In effect	Yes, in model plan.
PA	SB 700	https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2023&ind=0&body=S&type=B&bn=0700	Cell phone ban school grants	Gov. signed 7/11/24	No. Funds can be used to purchase cell phone bags. Up to school district to determine content of the policy.
SC	HB5100	H5100 proviso 1.103	School cell phone ban; districts must implement a cellphone policy to receive state aid, State Board of Education must adopt a model policy.	Gov. signed 6/26/24, effective 1/1/25	No. Up to district/state Board of Education what the exception is. Model policy due in August.
SC	n/a	https://ed.sc.gov/state-board/state-board-of-education/policy-legislative-pl/pl01-attach-model-policy-personal-electronic-devicepdf/	Model cell phone policy	Final approval on 9/3	Yes.

UT	n/a	https://governor.utah.gov/2024/01/10/gov-cox-encourages-educators-to-remove-cell-phones-during-class-time/	Governor recommends, no specific bill or policy though	Letter sent 1/10/24	No.
VA	EO 33	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/57403/638621683945370000	Cell phone ban	Gov. EO 7/9/24, Guidance 9/16/24	Yes.
WA	n/a	https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2024-08/cell-phone-and-smart-device-use-schools.pdf	Superintendent recommends cell phone restrictions	2025-2026 school year	Yes.
WA	n/a	https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/spokane/Board.nsf/files/D8ETMP78106B/\$file/3245%20Students%20and%20Telecommunication%20Devices%20(SK%20v2%208.8.24).pdf	Spokane cell phone policy	In effect	Yes.

The American Diabetes Association Can Help

Is your child being denied access to their phone for diabetes care? Have questions about your school's legal obligations to provide diabetes care to your child? The ADA can help. Call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383) or email AskAda@diabetes.org. If your issue is within our areas of service, you will receive tailored information and guidance from one of ADA's legal advocates. Although the ADA cannot represent you or advocate on your behalf, we can help you understand your child's rights and give you practical tools to solve your problem.

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