



**Beaver County School District**

**Office of the Superintendent**

**Date:** July 22, 2025

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**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I am writing to share an important update regarding student use of personal electronic devices at school.

Utah's new **Student Electronic Device Law (SB 178)** requires all school districts to prohibit the use of cell phones, smartwatches, and similar devices during classroom hours. In Beaver County School District, we fully support the spirit of this law—helping students stay present, focused, and engaged in learning.

Our district already had a policy that allowed individual teachers or schools to restrict phone use. To comply with the new law, we've strengthened that policy to limit student use of personal devices from the start of instructional time until the end of the school day. However, **teachers and principals may still allow device use at designated times**, such as during **lunch at the secondary level** or for **specific educational purposes** under teacher direction. Devices may also be used when required by a medical need, an IEP, or 504 plan.

We are not implementing locking pouches. Instead, each classroom will have a designated place where students can “park” their phones and devices during class.

We deeply respect our students and trust our families. Together, we can create a learning environment free from digital distractions and full of meaningful growth.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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