

Executive Order No. 25-09:

Personal Electronic Device Policies for Oregon Public Schools



Purpose of the Executive Order

Governor Tina Kotek issued Executive Order 25-09 to support **student mental health**, reduce classroom distractions, and promote **safe, focused learning environments** across Oregon. Research shows that **high social media and device use** is linked to:

- Increased **anxiety, depression**, and **self-esteem challenges** in youth
- Distraction from learning and reduced academic outcomes

This policy is intended to help students focus, build connection, and support **mental wellness**.

Key Deadlines

- **Policy Adoption Deadline:** October 31, 2025
- **Policy Implementation Deadline:** January 1, 2026

What the Policy Must Include

Each **school district** must adopt a **personal electronic device policy** that:

- **Prohibits student use** of personal electronic devices **during instructional hours** (start to end of school day) including passing periods and lunch
- **Defines how devices will be stored** during the school day
- **Provides exceptions** for:
 - **Medical needs** (with provider documentation)
 - **IEPs or 504 plans**
 - **District-approved exemptions** for specific student needs or educational goals
- **Outlines staff actions** for violations that:
 - **Do not remove students from learning** (e.g., no suspension or expulsion)

Transparency Requirements

The policy must be **posted on the district website** and shared with:

- School personnel
- Students
- Parents/guardians
- On-site partners
- Oregon Department of Education

What Counts as a Personal Electronic Device?

Devices that:

- Are **portable** and **electrically powered**
- Can make/receive **calls, texts**, or access the **internet**
- **Do not include** laptops or school-issued learning devices

Need Support?

- Check out [ODE's Personal Electronic Device Policy Website](#) where you can find Frequently Asked Questions, Guidance and additional tools and resources to support implementation
- Email Mobile.Devices@ode.oregon.gov