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DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONE & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE DURING TAKS TESTING

In order to maintain an optimum testing environment for students, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has stated that districts are required to develop and implement procedures preventing the use of cell phones during any test administration. Comanche ISD has adopted a new cell phone/electronic device/camera policy for TAKS testing.

According to the state regulation, if a student displays, turns on or uses any paging devices during the administration of a TAKS test (in any area of the campus including restrooms, cafeteria, hallway, etc.), the student's test will be coded as an "O". This code designates a test administration irregularity and determines that student's test will not be scored by the state.

Because of the serious implications that may occur as a result of the regulations on cell phones, electronic devices and cameras in school buildings, Comanche ISD has adopted a strict process for cell phones and paging devices.

During testing, students may not have a phone, electronic device or camera on their person. When students enter the testing site, students will be directed to turn in any cell phones, paging devices or any other electronic devices. Students will place device in a baggie and write their name on a card in the bag. All devices will be kept in a box/tub during testing – away from the students (behind/under teacher desk, etc..). At the end of testing, students will be personally handed their devices one by one – according to their name. Students will not be allowed to retrieve their own phone from the box/tub.

If a student fails to turn in their phone, camera or other electronic device, his/her test will not be scored and disciplinary action will take place. This rule applies to areas outside the testing room such as restrooms, cafeteria, etc. No exceptions will be made.

Teacher/Teacher Aides

During testing, all test administrators and hall monitors may not have a phone, electronic device or camera on their person. These devices must either be stored in the box/tub with the student devices or turned into the office prior to testing. No exceptions will be made.

Laptops

Laptops are considered electronic devices. If they are brought into the testing area, they will be turned off and placed in a secure location by the test administrator prior to testing.