

# SENATE BILL NO. 234

April 22, 2025, Introduced by Senators POLEHANKI, MCMORROW and GEISS and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1304.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1304. (1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the  
2 board of a school district or board of directors of a public school  
3 academy shall develop and implement wireless communications device  
4 policies for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools  
5 operated by the board or board of directors. A wireless

1 communications device policy implemented under this section must  
2 seek to limit student cell phone use during school hours and reduce  
3 wireless communication device-related distractions in classroom  
4 settings, and may prohibit students from using a wireless  
5 communications device on school grounds during any of the  
6 following, as applicable:

7 (a) Instructional time.

8 (b) Breaks between instructional time.

9 (c) Lunch.

10 (d) Recess.

11 (2) The board of a school district or the board of directors  
12 of a public school academy may implement additional restrictions  
13 regarding the use of wireless communications devices.

14 (3) A wireless communications device policy implemented under  
15 this section must provide exceptions for emergency situations,  
16 devices necessary for medical use, and devices included in an  
17 individualized education program. The policy must also allow for  
18 the principal or chief administrator of a public school to  
19 implement further exceptions at the principal's or chief  
20 administrator's discretion.

21 (4) The board of a school district or board of directors of a  
22 public school academy shall post the wireless communications device  
23 policy implemented under this section on the school district's or  
24 public school academy's website.

25 (5) As used in this section:

26 (a) "School grounds" means a building, playing field, or  
27 property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children  
28 or used for functions and events sponsored by a school. School  
29 grounds does not include a building used primarily for adult

1 education or college extension courses.

2 (b) "Wireless communications device" means an electronic  
3 device capable of, but not limited to, text messaging, voice  
4 communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the internet,  
5 or producing email.