



OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Cell Phone Policy Updates

Teaching & Learning Committee



Presented by Nelson Alegria, Executive Director of Safety

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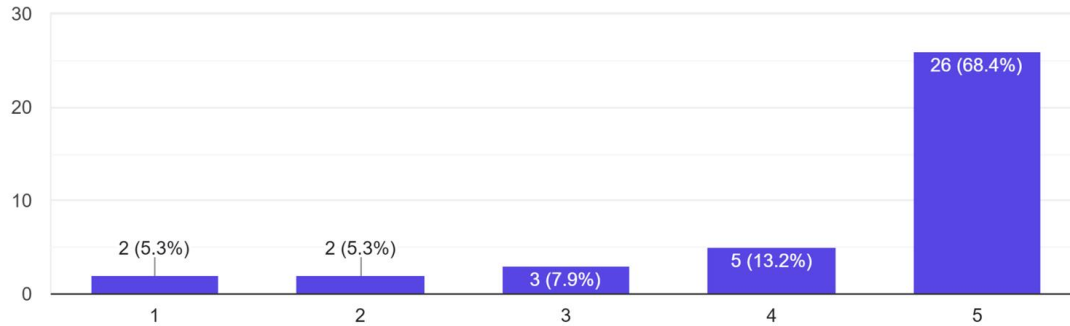


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Administration Feedback Update

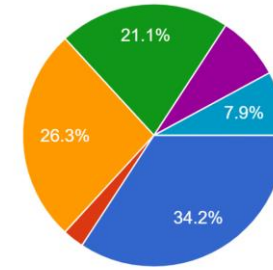
Overall, to what extent do you support a bell-to-bell cell phone ban?

38 responses



Grade Level

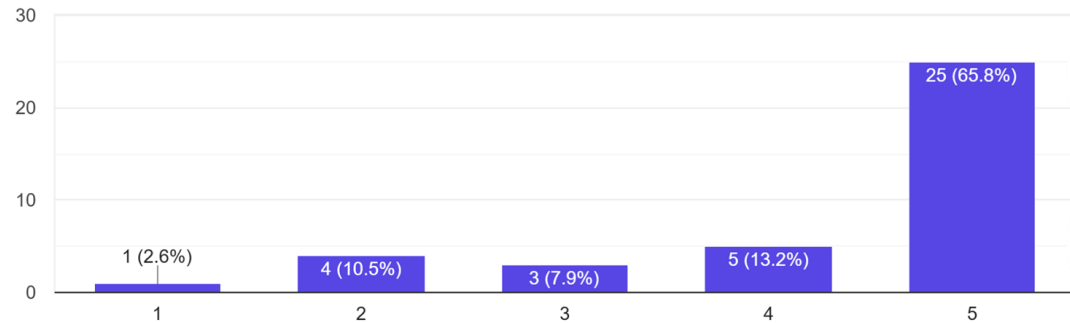
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- TK-5
- TK-8
- 6-8
- 9-12
- 6-12
- Alternativ
- Other

To what extent do you believe a full ban is more effective than a partial restriction?

38 responses



Need for clear districtwide enforcement expectations



Need for family communication and outreach



Need for implementation guidance



Community Lead Outreach

336 Respondents

on a petition in favor of a phone-free school day

240

Parents

47

Teachers

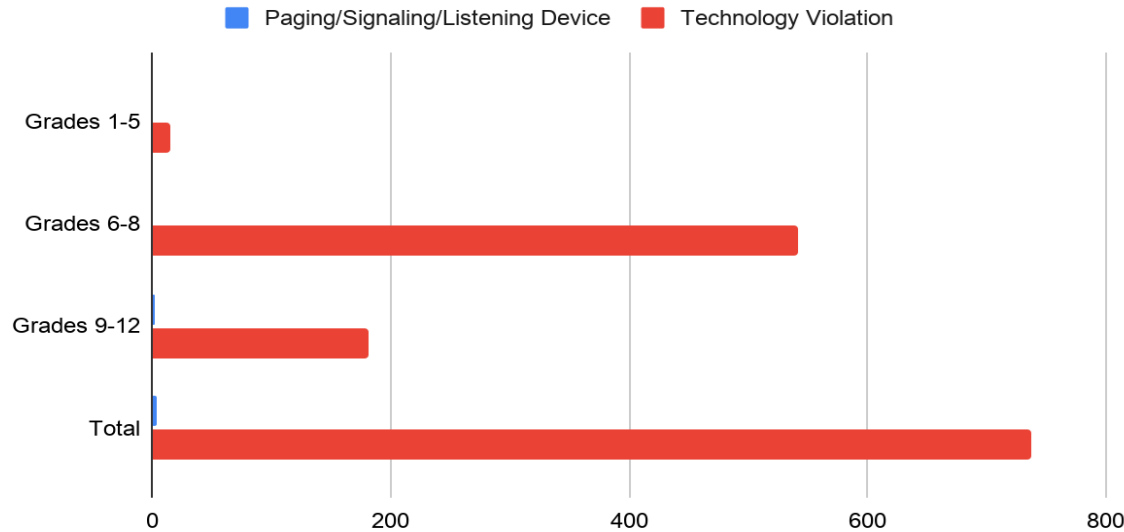
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Other Staff

The petitions showed a strong interest from families in reducing distractions from cell phones during the school day and setting stronger expectations across the District

Cell Phone Discipline Data

Paging/Signaling/Listening Device and Technology Violation



August 2025 - June 2026

	Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12	Total
Paging/Signaling/Listening Device	0	1	3	4
Technology Violation	16	541	181	738

Timeline

June 24th, 2026

School Board Meeting

Staff will present the recommendation from the Teaching & Learning Committee

July 1st, 2026

Law Goes Into Effect

Law will go into effect for the 26-27 school year.

July - August

Implementation and Parent Notifications

Parent handbook will be updated and school sites will work on implementation for the school year

August

Discipline Matrix Update

Safety Department will bring the updated Discipline Matrix to the Teaching & Learning Committee to discuss all changes and updates made.