



LIFE SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that the Student Assessment Division of the Texas Education Agency addresses cell phones and personal electronic devices during state testing in the 2020-21 District and Campus Coordinator Resources and the 2020-21 test administrator manuals.

In response to TEA's directives, the procedure set forth by Life School states that students are NOT permitted to use cell phones or personal electronic during testing as the devices can disrupt the testing environment and be used to compromise the security and confidentiality of the test.

Any student who brings a cell phone or personal electronic device in the testing environment will be subject to the following:

- 1) If the test session has not started, the student will be required to check in the cell phone or personal electronic device to the test administrator. The cell phone or personal electronic device will be turned off, logged in, secured and returned at the end of the day.
- 2) If the test session is in progress, the student's test may be invalidated, even if the student's test document has already been submitted to the test administrator.
- 3) If the test session is in progress, further disciplinary actions may occur.

The procedure was developed to comply with the Texas Education Agency's mandate and to help maintain and preserve the security and confidential integrity of the Texas Student Assessment Program (see Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, Subchapter B, for a further definition of the secure testing program).

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure valid test results and provide standard, equal testing opportunities for all students.

Sincerely,

Susan Beggs

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