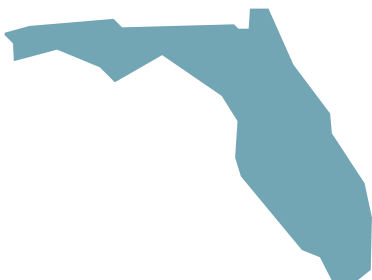


# Florida

OVERALL SCORE:

## 84

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**STRENGTHS:**

Florida law not only prohibits personal electronic devices for the entire school day, it prohibits personal device use while students are on school grounds or attending a school function.

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

As of May 2026, Florida is the only U.S. state that does not afford high-schoolers the benefits of a bell-to-bell phone-free schools law (i.e. the policy only applies to K-8). Florida can strengthen its law by extending the ban on personal electronic devices to students through 12th grade.

CRITERIA	PTS	STATE PROVISION
Covered Time Period & Storage Requirements	80	Bell-to-bell with accessible storage <i>for K-8 only</i>
Devices Included	0	Does not define scope
Necessary Legal & Medical Exceptions	2	Includes exceptions for IEP, 504, and medical
Prioritizes Safety & Education Standards	2	Weakens education standards
Enforcement Provision	0	Does not include enforcement provision
Data Collection	0	Does not include annual data collection

OVERALL SCORE: **84**

A	B	C	D	F	0	Incomplete
Bell-to-Bell, Inaccessible Storage	Bell-to-Bell, Accessible Storage	Class Instructional Time Only	Policy Required, No Mandated Elements	Bill Failed	No Bill Introduced	Bill Pending
90 – 99 PTS	80 – 89 PTS	70 – 79 PTS	60 – 69 PTS	50 PTS	0 PTS	---

# Phone-Free Schools State Report Card

## Methodology Overview

The **Phone-Free Schools Report Card** assesses the strength of statewide policies regarding student access to personal electronic devices in schools. Grades are based on how closely the law or executive order aligns with the [2025 Phone-Free Schools Model Bill](#).

Policies with **bell-to-bell restrictions** and **inaccessible storage** were awarded the most points, as these provisions can have the greatest impact on student outcomes and teacher satisfaction. Additional Model Bill provisions further support the likelihood of success.

States with failed 2025 bills received a flat score of 50 points (F). States where no bill or executive order was introduced received a "0." States with a two-year (biennium) legislative session where bills were introduced in 2025, but were still pending as of publication, received an "Incomplete." Pending ("Incomplete") and failed bills were not reviewed against the Model Bill.

### Grade Key

<b>A</b>	(90 – 99) Bell-to-Bell, Inaccessible Storage
<b>B</b>	(80 – 89) Bell-to-Bell, Accessible Storage
<b>C</b>	(70 – 79) Class Instructional Time Only
<b>D</b>	(60 – 69) Policy Required, No Mandated Elements
<b>F</b>	(50) Bill Failed
<b>0</b>	(0) No Bill Introduced
	(Incomplete) Bill Pending

## Criteria Descriptions

### Covered Time Period & Storage Requirements (base grade)

Bell-to-bell with inaccessible storage	90 PTS
Bell-to-bell with accessible storage	80 PTS
Class instructional time only	70 PTS
Policy required, no mandated elements	60 PTS

### Devices Included

Includes all personal electronic devices	2 PTS
Includes some personal electronic devices	1 PTS
Includes only smartphones or does not define scope	0 PTS

### Necessary Legal & Medical Exceptions

Includes exceptions for IEP, 504, and medical needs	2 PTS
Includes exceptions for either IEP, 504, or medical needs	1 PTS
Does not include any necessary legal and medical exceptions	0 PTS

### Prioritizes Safety & Education Standards

Does not weaken safety or education standards	4 PTS
Weakens either safety or education standards	2 PTS
Weakens both safety and education standards	0 PTS

### Enforcement Provision

Includes student enforcement provision	0.5 PTS
Does not include student enforcement provision	0 PTS

### Data Collection

Includes annual data collection	0.5 PTS
Does not include annual data collection	0 PTS



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