

The Texas Education Agency stated in the 2012 *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* for the Student Assessment Program that, “Students are not permitted to have cell phones turned on during testing. Districts are required to develop and implement procedures preventing the use of cell phones during test administrations.”

The policy adopted and set forth by Malakoff Independent School District (MISD) states that, “Students will not be permitted to bring cell phones or other electronic media devices into the testing environment on state testing days.”

Any student caught with a cell phone in the testing environment will be subject to the following:

- 1) The student’s test will automatically be invalidated (coded ‘O’), even if the student’s test document has already been submitted to the test administrator.
- 2) The student’s cell phone will be confiscated on the spot. (An investigation must take place and the cell phone is needed to proceed with the process.)
- 3) Any further disciplinary actions will be decided at the campus level.

This policy was developed to comply with the Texas Education Agency’s mandate. This policy was further developed 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.*)