

Oklahoma House Bill 3958

Text Communications

Notice

In response to recent passage of HB 3958, OSDE is developing training to ensure all school personnel are informed and compliant with this new requirement. This training will be available before the start of the new 2024/2025 school year. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these important changes to enhance communication and protect our students' well-being.

FAQ's

- "Electronic or digital communication" includes, but is not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, direct messages, social media messages, messages sent through software applications, and any other electronic digital means of communication.
- Communications conducted through school-approved platforms that pertain to school and academic matters are exempt from this requirement.
- The statute does not extend to communications between college instructors and students. However, if the instructor is employed by a public school (including charter schools, which are classified as public schools), then the statute applies to their communications with students, even if those communications are for a class that grants college credit.

Training will be available on August 8, 2024, via the OSDE Connect training system.

For any questions, please contact OKCares@sde.ok.gov.

