



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 198

Introduced by: **Senator Karr**

1 **An Act to restrict the use of a cell phone by a student during instructional time.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-32:**

4 Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student may not use a cell phone
5 during the school day, as set by the board of the school district pursuant to § 13-26-1.

6 A student may use a cell phone during the school day if:

7 (1) The use of a cell phone is required or permitted as part of an approved medical or
8 educational accommodation; or

9 (2) The use of a cell phone is required during an emergency affecting the health,
10 safety, or well-being of a student or staff member.

11 The board of each school district shall adopt a policy that sets forth disciplinary
12 actions for student noncompliance.