



Executive Department
State of Idaho

State Capitol
Boise

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2024-11

PHONE FREE LEARNING ACT

WHEREAS, it is our duty as parents, educators, and elected leaders to create the best school environment possible where our children can thrive and learn; and

WHEREAS, in our day and age, technology and technological devices are integrated into how we learn, teach, and operate day to day; and

WHEREAS, we are seeing the dangers of social media and personal technological devices in our classrooms when kids are more concerned about what is happening on their cell phones than what they are learning in class; and

WHEREAS, I join many leaders, including the Superintendent of Public Instruction and my legislative partners in recognizing cell phone use is happening in schools and that cell phones and social media present negative effects on student mental health, development, and learning; and

WHEREAS, I look forward to working with my fellow legislators in the 2025 legislative session to bring forward a codified policy on cell phones in schools; and

WHEREAS, it is not just our job but our moral obligation to safeguard our children's future and ensure that every student in Idaho's public school system has a chance to achieve the American Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order the following:

Encouragement of all schools to have a comprehensive, district wide policy in place on cell phone restriction in schools by the end of the 2024-2025 school year. These policies should follow the policy guidance as issued by the State Department of Education.

With the adoption of a policy on cell phone use in schools, I am authorizing the State Board of Education to award \$5,000 one-time funds to any district that adopts a district wide policy on cell phone use that follows the State Department of Education's policy guidance. The money will be distributed by the State Department of Education and must be used in priority order, as established by the State Department of Education.

Any school district that has already adopted a cell phone use policy that follows the State Department of Education's guidance can apply to receive reimbursement, up to \$5,000, for actual costs incurred implementing the policy.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

**BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR**

**PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE**