

HOUSE No. 720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Rosario Turco

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting cell phone usage during the school day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to prohibit cell phone or other personal electronic device usage by students during the school day. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act prohibiting cell phone usage during the school day.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 101. (a) The superintendent of every school district shall implement and maintain
3 a policy prohibiting the use by students of cell phones or other personal electronic devices during
4 the school day, except as authorized by a teacher or administrator or used in the case of an
5 emergency.

6 (b) Annually, the superintendent shall submit the policy to the board.