



# Student Safety and Well-Being

## **Mesa Public Schools**

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# Cell Phone Policy

## Statute Change

- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-120.05, established by House Bill 2484 and signed into law on April 14, 2025, requires all public and charter schools to create and implement policies limiting students' access to cell phones and personal electronic devices during the school day.
- The law mandates that schools allow access for emergencies, medical conditions, and teacher-directed educational purposes, while also restricting access to social media over school networks.

# Cell Phone Policy

| K-8 Students Implementation   | High School Implementation   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal devices off or silent and out of sight.</li><li>• Devices must be in a backpack.</li><li>• Social media, texting, calls or games are not allowed during the school day.</li><li>• Before and after school: devices can be used in common areas like the cafeteria.</li></ul> | <p>Devices may be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Before school</li><li>• After school</li><li>• During lunch (in designated areas)</li><li>• During passing periods (unless a school has stricter rules)</li></ul> <p>During class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Devices must be turned off, out of sight and in a backpack.</li><li>• Devices may not be with the student or on their person.</li></ul> <p>No texting, calling, games or social media during class.</p> |

# School and Community Communication



Mesa Public Schools has updated its rules about when students can use personal devices like cell phones, smartwatches, and tablets during the school day.

Here's what families need to know:

- During school hours, personal devices must be off or on silent and put away, like in a backpack.
- Texting, calling, games, and social media are not allowed during the school day.
- Students can use their devices before and after school in areas like the cafeteria.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the front office, and we'll help get the message to them. Thanks for helping us create a focused and respectful learning environment!



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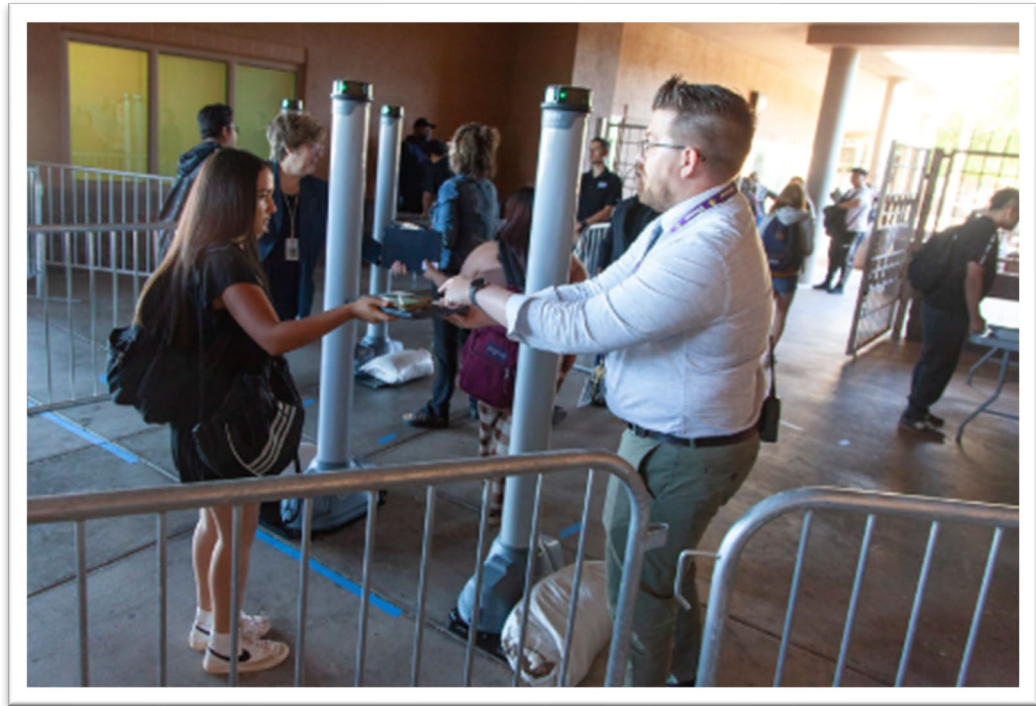
- Students can use devices:
  - Before and after school
  - During lunch in approved areas
  - During passing periods (unless restricted by school rules)
- No texting, calling, social media, or games during class time.
- If a student needs to contact a parent, they must get permission from a staff member.

Parents who need to reach their student during the day should call the front office.



# Weapons Detection

- Weapons detection is at all high schools and junior highs
  - This includes large campus events such as athletics and arts
- No firearms were detected in SY 2024-25 and zero so far this year.





# Vape Detectors

- Bathrooms were viewed as “unsafe”
- Installed in all secondary schools’ student bathrooms
- Picks up the chemicals in vape/picks up yelling/shouting
- Reports from principals-
  - Less bathroom issues to deal with this year.
  - “Kids don’t hang out in bathrooms anymore”

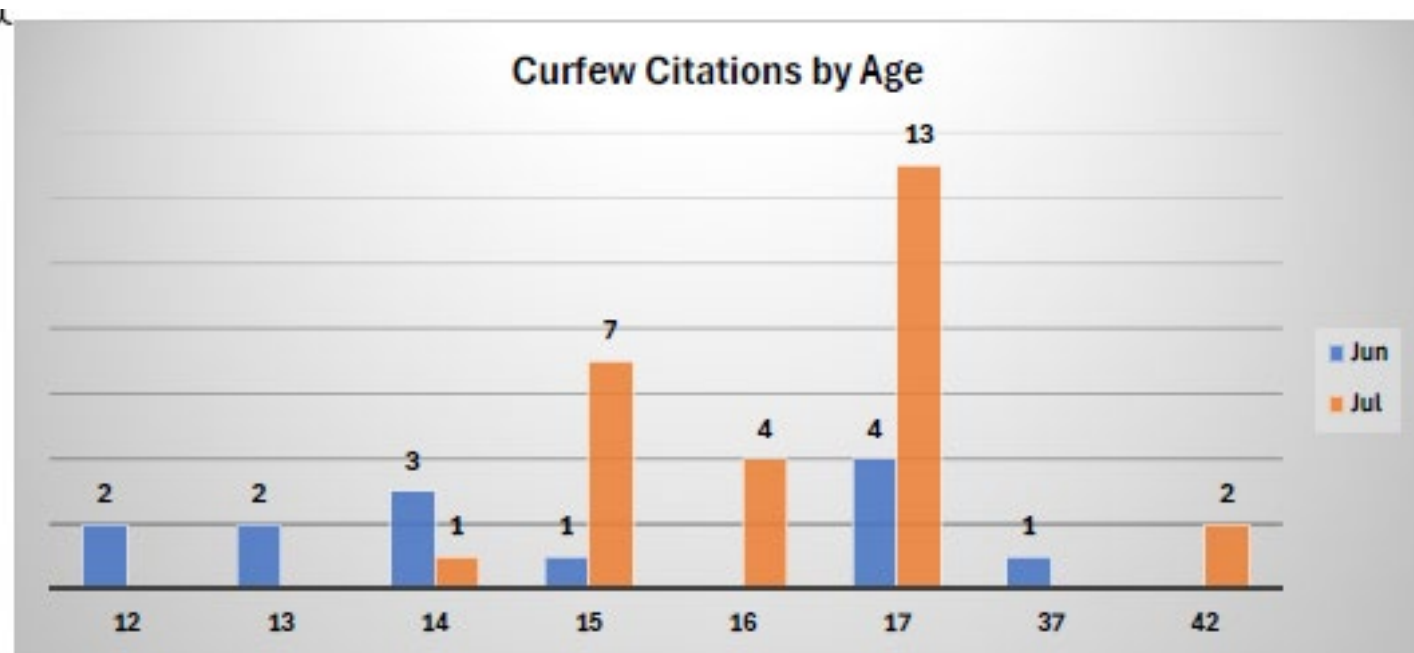
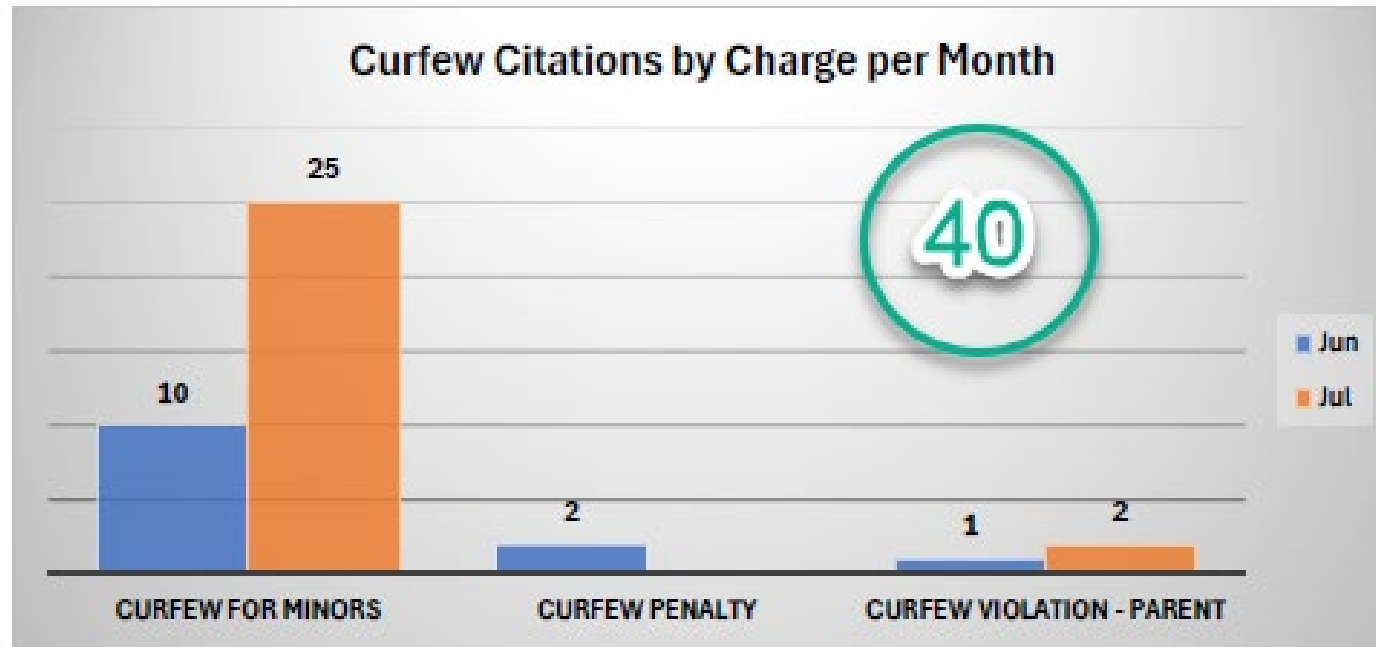


# Mesa PD Partnership

Police Chief, Dan Butler  
Assistant Chief, Tim Walker  
Commander, Stephanie Derivan

# Curfew Citations

June 1 – July 31, 2025





## School Threats Response

- Full time SROs at all Junior High and High School Campuses
  - MPS covers additional SRO for the high school campuses
- All threats are treated as credible until proven otherwise
  - MPD thoroughly investigates the threat including interviews, intel research, search warrants, etc.)
  - Criminal charges when appropriate
- MPD and MPS education to parents and students – Report, Don't Repost



## Mandatory Reporting Law Change

- Mandatory Reporters can no longer report crimes involving sexual abuse, physical abuse or neglect only to the SRO-calls must go in through dispatch
- SROs working with school admin and mandatory reports to facilitate proper reporting



# Questions & Discussion

