

Comal Independent School District

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New school zone law effective Sept. 1

Effective Sept. 1, House Bill 55 will make it illegal for drivers to use cell phones while in a school zone unless they have a hands-free device. Drivers will be subject to a fine.

Hands-free devices mean speakerphone capability or a telephone attachment or other piece of equipment that allows use of the wireless communication device without the use of either of the drivers' hands.

It will not be an offense if the vehicle is stopped or if the phone is used with a hands-free device.

It is the responsibility of law enforcement to enforce this new regulation. It is also the responsibility of the city and/or county—not Comal ISD—to post signage about the new school zone law in appropriate places.

“We ask all of our parents and other motorists to take note of this new regulation and be mindful of it while driving through our school zones,” said Comal ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Walker. “We appreciate your cooperation.”

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