



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.

School of Medicine

Operating Policy and Procedure

**SOM OP:** 30.03, **Electronic Devices in the Classroom**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this School of Medicine (SOM) policy and procedure is to inform students regarding the appropriate use of electronic devices in classroom or other educational settings.

**REVIEW:** This SOM Policy and Procedure shall be reviewed within each even-numbered fiscal year by the Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee. Revisions will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean for publication.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

1. **General.** This policy is intended to guide appropriate behavior in the use of electronic devices in the educational setting.
2. Policy Considerations.
  - a. The use of electronic devices in the classroom setting (i.e., laptop computers, tablets, smartphones/cellphones, smart watches, electronic eyewear, headphones (wired/wireless)) is to be limited to that which is necessary for that particular class.
  - b. Smart phones/Cell phones are to be turned off or placed in vibrate mode.
  - c. ***Unofficial recording by students (audio and videotaping) is prohibited. Any violation of this policy will be considered unprofessional conduct.***