



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 745

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SCREEN-BASED INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS ensuring that Alabama students receive a quality education has remained a top priority of my administration;

WHEREAS meeting this standard requires the responsible use of screens and technology in classrooms;

WHEREAS, to reduce distractions and improve student outcomes, I signed the FOCUS Act into law in 2025, prohibiting the use of cell phones in classrooms and requiring the adoption of internet safety policies;

WHEREAS, recognizing that screens in classrooms may have some positive learning impact but that excessive screen time may harm critical social and cognitive development, I signed the Healthy Early Development and Screen Time Act into law in 2026, limiting the amount of screen time our youngest learners are exposed to in classrooms and childcare facilities;

WHEREAS research has shown that students learn foundational skills most effectively through direct, teacher-led instruction, handwriting, physical texts, and sustained interaction with teachers and peers;

WHEREAS, at the same time, classroom technology, when used responsibly, in moderation, and in a developmentally appropriate manner, may enhance instruction and prepare students for success in postsecondary education and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to evolve, the role technology plays in our classrooms should be evaluated based on current research;

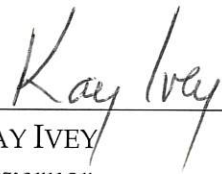
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby promulgate this executive order, effective immediately:

1. **Commission.** The Governor's Commission on Screen-Based Instruction is hereby established. The purpose of this Commission is to study the risks and benefits of screen-based instruction in K-12 classrooms and to provide evidence-based recommendations regarding its use.
 - a. **Chair.** The chair of the Commission shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.
 - b. **Membership.** The members of the Commission shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.
 - c. **Meetings.** The Commission shall hold its first meeting at the call of the chair. It shall meet periodically thereafter as deemed necessary by the chair. To the greatest extent practicable, the Commission shall consult with experts in relevant fields and interested stakeholders.
 - d. **Compensation and expenses.** Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may elect to receive the per diem and transportation allowance authorized by state law for persons traveling on official state business.
 - e. **State-agency cooperation.** State agencies and other state-funded entities shall cooperate with the Commission and provide information requested by the Commission.
 - f. **Technical assistance.** The Governor's Office will supply legal, administrative, and other technical assistance as appropriate.
 - g. **Duration.** The Commission shall be dissolved upon the submission of its final report.
2. **Report.** By December 1, 2026, the Commission shall submit a final report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education as follows:
 - a. **Findings.** The report shall contain detailed and accurate findings relevant to the Commission's purpose. Questions the Commission may address include:
 - i. How does the use of screen-based instruction affect student outcomes or provide educational value?

- ii. What are the current practices in Alabama and best practices in other states on the use of screen-based instruction in K-12 classrooms?
 - iii. What risks, including health or mental health risks, may be associated with the use of screen-based instruction?
 - iv. What benefits may be associated with the use of screen-based instruction?
 - v. What effect does screen-based instruction have on preparing students for the workforce or postsecondary education?
- b. **Recommendations.** The Commission, or any of its individual members, may make recommendations on any question relevant to the Commission's purpose, including:
- i. Age and developmentally appropriate limits on the use of screen-based instruction technology in K-12 classrooms.
 - ii. Professional development and guidance needed for educators and school officials.
 - iii. Best practices to ensure screen-based instruction remains a tool that enhances rather than replaces direct, teacher-led instruction.
3. **Implementation.** This order shall be implemented to the maximum extent possible consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations. Nothing in this order shall be construed as impairing or otherwise affecting the authority granted by law to an executive branch agency, or the head thereof, including the Governor of the State of Alabama, except to the extent expressly set forth in this order.
4. **No private right of action.** This order is not intended to, and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any private party against the State of Alabama, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.
5. **Effect on prior related orders.** Any previously issued executive order is hereby rescinded to the extent it conflicts with this executive order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 22nd day of July 2026.





KAY IVEY
Governor

ATTESTED



WES ALLEN
Secretary of State