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SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF PS 151Q FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: 1) cell phones; 2) laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and 3) portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS.

A. The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below.

1. Cell phones and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
2. Computing devices may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination, except where such use has been explicitly authorized by the school or is contained in an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
3. Use of cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems and other electronic devices during the administration of state standardized examinations is governed by State Education Department Rules.
4. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
5. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

B. Cell phones may be used as set forth below:

During the school day, after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities, cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property.



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C. Computing devices may be used as set forth below:

During the school day, after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities, computing systems may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

D. Portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below:

During the school day, after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities, portable music devices and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items

If your child violates our school policy relating to electronic devices, measures may include, but are not limited to:

- verbal warning by staff member
- confiscation of item and return at end of school day
- confiscation of item and return following parent conference
- confiscation of item and return following student entering into behavioral contract
- revocation of privilege to bring item to school.

As per Chancellor's Regulation A-413, if a student uses an electronic device in violation of the school policy or in a manner that causes disruption to classroom instruction or school activities or programs, staff members will ask the student to comply to the school rules and put the device away. If the student refuses to comply with this directive the electronic device may be confiscated. The device will be stored in a secure location, such as a locked cabinet or closet. Depending on the severity of the situation, a parent might have to meet with administration in order to retrieve the electronic device.



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F. Discipline

Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment system in violation of any provision of the DOE's Discipline Code, the school's policy, Chancellor Regulation A-413, and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy ("ISUSP") will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code