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

As per Chancellor's Regulation A-413, 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 personal 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.
 6. The school is NOT responsible or liable for any electronic items that may be lost, damaged, or stolen in school or in transit to and from school. It is the responsibility of each student to take proper care of any personal electronic devices he or she brings to school.
- B. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below:**
- Cell phones or other electronic devices may not be turned on or used while on school property, except as specified below.
 - Cell phones or other electronic devices may not be used in areas where swimming pools are located.
 - Cell phones or other electronic devices may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
 - Cell phones or other electronic devices may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: Structured lunch period in the student cafeteria.
 - After-school programs will follow their own specific guidelines.
- E. Confiscation and return of personal electronic items**
- If a cell phone or other electronic device is in a student's possession during the school day, school staff will contact the home to verify that possession is authorized by the parent/guardian.
 - School staff will determine confiscation and return of the electronic device in consultation with the parent/guardian at such time as the item is discovered in student's possession.
- F. Discipline**
- Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment systems 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.
- G. School Issued and/or IEP driven Electronic Devices**
- These devices will be used as per instructional/IEP dictates.