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TAG POLICY 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, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below>(*school administration reserves the right to temporarily rescind permission for any and all students)

During the school day:

1. Devices may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
2. Devices may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: **Mornings, before line-up and lunch** in the following designated areas: **Auditorium, Cafeteria, Gym, Play Yard**

C. Confiscation and return of electronic items

1. For first offenses, any item confiscated will be returned at the end of the day.
2. For subsequent offenses, items will only be returned to a parent or guardian.
3. If items are confiscated 3 or more times, student will lose all privileges to bring electronic devices to school.

D. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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