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POLICY OF PS 58X ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 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. Any electronic devices brought to school are the sole responsibility of the student/owner. The Department of Education/P.S. 58 is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged devices.

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 not be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

- Cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property.
- Cell phones may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
- Other: Cell phones should remain turned off in the student’s backpack for duration of the day.

During after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities:

Cell phones may not be used except with the explicit approval of the after-school teacher.

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

During the school day:

- Computing devices may not be turned on or used while on school property.
- Computing devices 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 not be used as set forth below.

During the school day:

- Portable music devices and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property.
- Portable music devices and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items

In determining whether to confiscate an electronic device, PS 58X will consider the nature of the violation. Where appropriate, measures will be instituted in a progressive fashion. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

- 1st Offense – warnings
- 2nd Offense - confiscation of item and return at end of school day
- 3rd Offense - confiscation of item and return following parent conference
- 4th Offense - confiscation of item and return following student entering into behavioral Contract
- 5th Offense - revocation of privilege to bring item to school

F. Discipline

PS 58X states that 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 will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

G. Lost/Stolen Devices

Students are responsible for their electronic devices and should take measures to ensure that their devices are safely stored in backpacks.