



Model school-based policy of **P.S. 90Q** for use of cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems on school property

According to Chancellor's Regulation A-413, schools may create their own electronics policy.

This is P.S. 90's policy:

Students are permitted to bring the following electronic devices to school: 1) cell phones; 2) computing devices (e.g., laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices; and 3) portable music and entertainment systems. Items may not be visible.

- A. The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restriction 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. Electronic devices may not be visible during school hours.
- B. Cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below:
 1. Cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property.

2. Cell phones may not be used in areas where swimming pools are located.
3. 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.
4. During after school activities, school-sponsored programs or field trips.
5. Cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used except upon explicit approval of the teacher.

C. Collection and return of electronic items

Electronic devices may be subject to collection by a school administrator or staff member. Where appropriate, measures should be instituted in a progressive fashion. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

1. Warnings;
2. Collection of item and return at end of school day;
3. Collection of item and return following parent conference;
4. Collection of item and return following student entering behavioral contract;
5. Revocation of privilege to bring item to school.

D. Discipline

School-based policies must state 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.