



## **SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF P.S. 134 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 and 3) portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS. In the sections below, when we refer to electronic devices, we are referring to cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems.

**The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the conditions 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. 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.
4. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms, lunch rooms, or bathrooms.
5. 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's regulation A-413, and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy ("IAUSP") will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

**Electronic Devices (cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems) may be used as set forth below.**

1. Electronic devices must be turned off before entering the school and must be stored in backpacks/lockers during school hours.
2. Electronic devices may not be turned on or used while on school property.
3. 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.

Please be informed that if the School-Based Electronic Device Use Policy is not being followed accordingly, the electronic device will be confiscated until a parent or guardian signs for its release. In any misuses occur the school can disallow the child from bringing the cell phone to school again.

The safety of our students comes first. Please sign and return the School-Based Electronic Device Use Policy to your child's classroom teacher. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Ramsaran".

Debra Ramsaran, Principal