



SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF NEW VENTURE ACADEMY(MS 219) 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 may be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

- Cell phones must be collected by the school when students enter the school building and stored in a designated location until the end of the school day.
- During after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities:
 - Students may bring devices on school trips or for use during activities taking place after school when off school premises.

C. Computing devices may be used as set forth below (select applicable option(s) or select other options consistent with Regulation A-413).

During the school day:

- Computing systems may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
- Computing systems may be turned on and used only during instructional time for instructional and educational purposes.



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

Students may bring devices on school trips or for use during activities taking place after school when off school premises.

D. Portable music and entertainment systems may 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.

During after-school, school-sponsored activities:

Students may bring devices on school trips or for use during activities taking place after school when off school premises.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items:

- Cell phones must be collected by the school when students enter the school building and stored in a designated location until the end of the school day. Students will give their cell phones to an administrator upon arrival to school. Students will receive a ticket which they will keep until they receive their cell phones at the end of the school day. If a student is caught with a cell phone during the school day, they will receive the following consequences in a progressive manner:

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- confiscation of item and return at end of school day
- confiscation of item and return following parent conference
- confiscation of item and return following student entering into behavioral contract
- revocation of privilege to bring item to school.

F. Discipline

Our school's policies regarding cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment system will adhere to the provisions 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") Students will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.