



PS/MS 140M 2015-2016 Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

As per Chancellor Regulation A-413, students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: cell phones, laptops, tablets, iPads, and other entertainment systems. **PS/MS 140M is NOT responsible for any electronic devices lost or stolen on school property or during students' travel to and from school (including school trips).**

A. The use of cell phones, computing devices or entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below:

- Cell phones and entertainment systems may not be used during instructional time (this includes specialty classes).
- Cell phones, computing devices or entertainments systems may not be used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises (lock downs).
- Cell phones, computing devices or entertainment systems may not be used in the bathroom.
- Cell phones, computing devices may not be used for personal reasons (these include, but are not limited to, texting, talking on the phone, and checking social media). **We ask that if a parent needs to contact his or her child during the school day for any reason, the parent should call the school's main line; 212-677-4680.**
- Cell phones, computing devices or entertainment systems may not be used during the administration of school quiz, test or examination. This includes State exams to be given to students in grades 3-5.
- Cell phones, computing devices or entertainment systems may not be used to videotape, photograph, or record in a classroom without the written approval of the teacher or school administrator.
- Cell phones, computing devices or entertainment systems may not be used to videotape, photograph, or record during a school trip without the approval of the teacher or school administrator.

B. Cell phones, computing devices and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below:

- Cell phones must be kept off/silent in student's book bag or person.
- Cell phones, computing devices and entertainment systems may be used only for instructional or educational purposes with the approval of teacher or guidance counselor.
- Cell phones, computing devices and entertainment systems may be used only during the following non-instructional time of the school day in the following designated areas:
 - **Morning Line-up in the auditorium or cafeteria: 7:15 – 7:55.**
 - **Recess in the auditorium or school yard:**
 - **Grades: 1-5: 11:11 – 11:56**
 - **Grades: 6-8: 12:01 – 12:48**
 - **Dismissal in the auditorium (waiting for parent): 2:20**

C. Cell phones, computing devices, and entertainments systems that are not used according to school policy, DOE's discipline code, Chancellor Regulation A-413 and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy will be subject to discipline as follows, but not limited to:

- Warnings
- Disciplinary action
- Confiscation of item and return at the end of the school day
- Confiscation of item and return following parent conference
- Confiscation of item and return following student entering into contract
- Revocation of privilege to bring item to school