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SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF P.S.32 FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
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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 but not limited to 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 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 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.

B. Cell phones, Computing Devices, and Portable Music & Entertainment Systems may be used as set forth below

During the school day:

- Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music & entertainment systems are to be kept in the child’s book bag while on school property.
- Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music & entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property.
- P.S.32 is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damage made to any personal cell phone, computing device, and portable music and entertainment systems.

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

Policy for use, considering the nature and location of such programs or activities, and the time of day they take place.

- Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music & entertainment systems are to be kept in the child’s book bag while on school property.
- Cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property.
- P.S.32 is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damage made to any personal cell phone, computing device, and portable music and entertainment systems.

C. Confiscation and return of electronic items

If your child does not adhere to the above policy, where appropriate, the following measures will be instituted in a progressive fashion. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Warnings
- Confiscation of item and return at end of school day
- Confiscation of item and return following parent conference