Dear Parent,

On January 7, 2015 the New York City Department of Education amended its policy regarding the use of cell phones and other electronic devices in schools. Chancellor’s Regulation A-413 requires that each school must develop a written school-based policy regarding cell phones in schools. Our school’s policy is listed below.

**SCHOOL BASED POLICY OF I.S. 72 FOR THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND COMPUTING DEVICES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

1. Cell phones may be brought to school but must be kept out of sight at all times.
2. Cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property (inside the gates).
3. Cell phones may not be turned on or used during instructional time, including the administration of any school quiz, test or State examination.
4. Cell phones should not be turned on or used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
5. Computing devices, such as laptops, tablets and iPads, may not be brought to school and utilized by students unless authorized by the school. These students must have an Individualized Education Program or a Section 504 Accommodation Plan in place specifying when these devices are to be used.
6. As with cell phones, computing devices may not be turned on during fire drills and other emergency preparedness exercises.

Students who use cell phones and computing devices are in violation of provisions of the Department of Education Discipline Code, the school’s policy and Chancellor’s Regulation A-413 and will be subject to discipline in accordance with the interventions and disciplinary responses, as set forth in the Discipline Code. These disciplinary measures are listed below:

**This notice serves as a warning to the entire school**

1st Offense - Confiscation of item and returned at the end of the school day
2nd Offense - Confiscation of items and returned to parent during a conference
3rd Offense - Revocation of privilege to bring item to school

**REMININDER**

Parents should never attempt to call or text message their child during the school day. If there is an emergency and you have to contact your child, you should call your child’s Assistant Principal or Dean.

Sincerely,

Jessica Jackson
Principal, I.A.

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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR ATS TEACHER

I have reviewed the cell phone policy with my child.

Student’s Name

Date

Parent’s Name

Class