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MS 104 Cell Phones, Computing Devices and Portable Music and Entertainment Systems Policy

As per Chancellor Regulation A-413, 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. During the school day, cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property and during instructional time, and must be kept away and not seen except for educational and instructional purposes and with the explicit permission and approval of the teacher.
2. During after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities, cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used unless with the explicit permission and approval of the activity coordinator/coach.
3. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.
7. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in the cafeteria or the schoolyard during the school day.

B. Confiscation and return of electronic items

If any of the aforementioned items are turned on or used during prohibited times or in prohibited areas, the following rules will apply in regards to confiscation:

- First Violation: A swift warning will be given to turn off the item, put the item away and a reminder of the school policy will be verbally issued.
- Second Violation: Confiscation of item by any school staff member and returned to the student at the end of school day.
- Third Violation: Confiscation of item by any school staff member and returned to parent/guardian of the student via the main office in the school.
- Fourth Violation: Revocation of Privilege to bring devices to school.

*****The school is not liable for lost, stolen, and/or damaged cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems.*****

C. Discipline

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 Regulation A-413, and/or the DOE’s Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (“ISUSP”) will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.