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SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF P.S.269 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 as long as they are **turned off and in book bags during school hours 8:20am-2:40pm:**

- 1.) Cell phones
- 2.) Laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”)
- 3.) Portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3players, 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 fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
4. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in bathrooms.
5. Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment systems in violation of any provision of the Department of Education’s Discipline Code, the school’s policy, Chancellor’s regulation A-413, and/or the Department of Education’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:

During the school day:

- Cell phones **may not be** turned on or used while on school property, including breakfast, lunch, bathrooms, stairwells and hallways.
- Cell phones **may not be** turned on or used during instructional time.
(Including but not limited to: During after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities)
- Cell phones may be used during all after-school programs and activities for the sole purpose of parental contact.

C. Computing devices may be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

- Computing systems (IPADS, tablets, laptops, e-readers) **may not be** turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the school.

During after school, school-sponsored programs or activities:

- Computing systems may be turned on and used only for instructional purposes during afterschool programs and activities.

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 during instructional time.
- Portable music devices and entertainment systems **may not be** used during the following non-instructional times of the school day:
 - Breakfast and lunch
 - In the following designated areas; student’s cafeteria and schoolyard.

During after-school, school sponsored activities:

- Portable music devices and entertainment systems may be used during non-instructional afterschool activities.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items

- **Cell phones and electronic devices will be confiscated if used during instructional time.**

Disciplinary measures will be taken as follows:

First Offense- warning by teacher and/or administrator

Second Offense- Confiscation of the item by the teacher, and/or administrator, securely stored and returned ONLY at dismissal to the parent/guardian.

If the parent/guardian does not pick up the cell phone and/or computer device that day, then pick up will not be permitted until the following afternoon at dismissal, or by appointment **with teacher only**.

Third Offense: Confiscation of the item by the teacher, and/or administrator, securely stored and returned ONLY at dismissal to the parent/guardian.

The privilege to bring the item to school has been revoked.

* Please tear across this line and return the bottom portion to your child’s teacher on the next school day. *

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of P.S. 269’s school wide policy for electronic devices. I have reviewed and discussed P.S. 269’s policy for electronic devices with my child. I understand that failure to comply with P.S. 269’s policy for electronic devices will result in disciplinary measures stated above.

Student Name _____

Class _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____