

# UPDATED Cell Phone Policy of PS/IS 119Q

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-413, the information below explains the P.S./I.S. 119 policy on the possession and use of cell phones, and other electronic devices, while on school property, or on school directed activities such as field trips where students leave the building.

Although CR A-413 allows students to bring cell phones, and other electronic devices, to school, P.S./I.S. 119 strongly discourages this practice unless absolutely necessary and the school should not be held liable for these items if lost or damaged at school.

If any electronic device is brought to school, these items may not be turned on and used anywhere in the building without permission from a staff member. At no time during the school day should a parent or guardian attempt to contact their child on these electronic devices. Instead, parents or guardians should contact their child through the Main office, Guidance office, Dean's office, Nurse's office, or other appropriate school telephone number.

Students found to be in violation of the school's cell phone policy will be subject to one or more of the following consequences:

The student will receive a verbal warning to put the device away.

- The student's device may be confiscated and returned to the student at end of day.
- The student's device may be confiscated and returned to the parent.
- If an electronic device is confiscated, the school will contact the parent or guardian and the item will be locked up in the Dean's office until such time as it is returned/retrieved.
- Students who use electronic items in violation of this policy, the DOE's Discipline Code, Chancellor's Reg A-413 and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

Please review this policy with your child and stress the importance of being responsible users of technology.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fagan

Principal P.S./I.S. 119