

STUDENTS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that there are personal electronic devices that have educational applications such as calculators, voice recorders, digital cameras and music listening devices. These devices shall be allowed to be used in classrooms only when they are included as part of a lesson under the direction of a teacher.

The Board acknowledges that cellular phones, and/or other electronic devices can be a positive means to facilitate communication; however, the display and/or use of such devices can cause disruption to the educational process.

Therefore, to prevent such disruption, the display and/or use by students of cellular phones, and/or other electronic devices shall be restricted to the cafeteria only. There is zero tolerance for telephone usage anywhere but the cafeteria, including headphones. Such devices must be turned off and stored out of sight during the classroom period and traveling through the halls. The district is not responsible for stolen, lost or damaged personal electronic devices.

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: Collection and return at the end of the day, plus a call home to the parent

3rd Offense: ISS 1 – 3 days

In emergency situations, exceptions to the prohibition of the use of cellular phones, and/or other electronic devices systems may be granted by teachers or administrators. Misuse of any of these electronic devices will result in its confiscation until the end of the school day or parent pick up, as outlined in the code of conduct. Some uses of personal electronic devices constitute violation of the school districts code of conduct and in some instances, the law. The school district will cooperate with law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Price v. New York City Board of Education, 16 Misc.3d 543 (2007).

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