



PS. 75 School of Research & Discovery

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PS 75 Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy

Purpose

To foster a focused and safe learning environment by minimizing distractions from personal internet-enabled electronic devices. In accordance with **Education Law §2803**, effective **August 1, 2025**, all NYS schools must prohibit the use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds. These include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, iPads, and portable music/entertainment systems.

Policy Statement

- Students may not use or access personal internet-enabled electronic devices from arrival until dismissal. The school day at PS 75 runs from **8:20 AM to 2:40 PM**, including lunch. Students may use **DOE-issued devices** for instructional purposes.
- In class
- At lunch or recess
- In the bathroom
- During fire drills or emergencies

1. COLLECTION & STORAGE

- Devices must be **powered off upon arrival**.
- Upon arrival at the classroom students will place devices in **Yondr pouches**, locking them in front of staff.
- Locked pouches will be stored in designated **bins safely**.
- At dismissal, students will **unlock pouches in classrooms**, retrieve devices, and **relock pouches** before exiting.
- Students with **approved early dismissal** may unlock pouches in class with teacher permission.
- If a pouch ever gets lost or damaged, PS 75 replace it—no worries!

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- For questions, contact **Mr. Ramos, Parent Coordinator** at (646) 852-1795 or Ms. Bueno at (718) 860-1630 ext. 2114.
- In emergencies, students may use **main office phones** to contact families.
- PS 75 will use **GAMA** to notify families during emergencies.

- Parents/guardians can access GAMA by setting up a **NYCSA account**. (Included here are [directions](#) for setting up [NYCSA account](#) to access GAMA.
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3. EXCEPTIONS

- Students with an **IEP or 504 Plan** requiring device use and lacking DOE-issued devices may use personal devices.
 - Parents/guardians may request exceptions for:
 - **Medical needs** (e.g., blood sugar monitoring)
 - **Caregiving responsibilities**
 - **Translation/interpretation services** (if no other means available)
 - Requests must be submitted in writing to the parent coordinator, Mr. Ramos via email at vramos14@schools.nyc.gov and your request will be reviewed within **5 school days**.
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4. DISCIPLINE

Violations of this policy, Chancellor's Regulation A-413, the NYCPS Discipline Code will result in **progressive discipline**:

- **1st Offense**: Verbal warning
- **2nd Offense**: Parent contact
- **3rd Offense**: Device collected; parent must sign it out from main office

Note: Students **cannot be suspended solely** for accessing a personal device. However, **repeated insubordination** (e.g., refusal to surrender/store device) may result in suspension, pending approval from the **Office of Safety and Youth Development**.

5. LOST OR STOLEN DEVICES

If a device is lost or damaged at school, families may file a claim with the **NYC Comptroller's Office**. Details are available on the Comptroller's official webpage.

<https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/claims/e-filing/>

For any questions or concerns, please contact **Mr. Ramos** at (646) 852-1795.
