



# KAPPA VI

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### KAPPA VI Distraction-Free Policy for Personal Electronic Devices 2025-2026

Dear KAPPA VI Families,

I am writing to inform you about an important update to our school policy that aligns with a new citywide initiative to foster safe, focused, and distraction-free learning environments across all New York City Public Schools (NYCPS).

As part of a statewide mandate, NYCPS will implement a bell-to-bell cell phone and personal electronic device policy beginning in September 2025. At KAPPA VI, we are committed to ensuring that this transition is smooth and supportive for both our cadets and families. Beginning on the first day of school in September:

**An “internet-enabled electronic device” is defined as any device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access online content. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, wireless headphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, iPads, and portable music or entertainment systems.**

This policy was developed in collaboration with the KAPPA VI administration and the School Leadership Team, with the goal of supporting a distraction-free, safe and academically enriching school environment for all students.

#### **Cell Phone Collection Procedure**

- All cadets will surrender their phones and electronic devices during AM homeroom.
- Devices will be securely stored in a locked computer cart. Each cadet’s phone will be placed in the slot corresponding to the number of the laptop they use.
- Phones will be returned to cadets at the end of the school day during PM homeroom
- If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the main office at (718) 471-6934 and a staff member will assist you promptly.
- If a cadet is found in possession of a phone or electronic device during instructional hours, the device will be confiscated and held in the main office.
- A parent or guardian will be required to pick up the device.
- Repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary action in accordance with the Citywide Behavioral Expectations Grades 6–12.

#### **Late arrival/ Early Dismissal Procedure:**

- Cadets arriving late will have their phone collected by Professor Crippen who is stationed at the main entrance in the KAPPA lobby from 7:30am to 8:30am. If a cadet is leaving early, they can report to the main office and obtain their phone from our pupil accounting secretary, Mrs. Bailon.



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### Secure Storage:

- In compliance with Chancellors's Regulation A-413, KAPPA VI provides secure storage for personal devices during the school day. This includes designated storage carts.

### If Lost or stolen

- KAPPA VI is not responsible for the theft, loss or damage of personal devices brought to school. In the unlikely event that an electronic device is stolen or damaged at school, parents can submit a claim to the Comptrollers' Office. More information on submitting a claim is available on the [Comptroller's webpage](#).

### Automated Communication Systems

- Our school utilizes Jupiter ED inc. as a gradebook and school to home communication system to alert families of any impending changes or policy related notifications. We also utilize the messaging option in Teachhub to ensure parents have fluid communication and updates. To receive automated messages from the school, parents and guardians must have a NYC schools Account. To create an account, visit: <https://schoolsaccount.nyc> and click on the "Create Account" link on the login page. You will need a creation code, which can be obtained from our Parent Coordinator, Michelle Slaughter at [MLouisjuste@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:MLouisjuste@schools.nyc.gov)

### Exceptions

- Cadets are allowed to use their device if they have an individualized education program (IEP) or 504 Plan that includes use of an internet-enabled device and do not have a DOE-issued device for such purpose. Parents/guardians must contact Assistant Principal Cirone or Parent Coordinator Slaughter if a student requires an exception for reasons such as: medical monitoring/treatments (for example to monitor blood sugar or other similar circumstances), if student is a caregiver, for approved language purposes (such as translation or interpretation services if no other means are available), or where otherwise required by law. The principal/designee may authorize use for an educational purpose. Exceptions will be processed and approved within 3 school days and/or when documentation is confirmed.

We believe this policy will help reduce distractions and create a learning environment where all students can focus, engage, and achieve at their highest potential. Your partnership is crucial in reinforcing these expectations and ensuring our cadets thrive. This Cellphone and Electronic Device policy is available on the school website: <https://www.kappa6.com/> and will be shared with our families and staff at the start of the school year, as well as printed in our parent handbook.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



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### Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the cell phone policy for KAPPA VI middle school. I agree to support the school's expectations regarding my child's use of cell phones and electronic devices during school hours.

**Cadet Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,  
Jason Murray  
Principal