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SCHOOL-BASED CELL PHONE & INTERNET-ENABLED ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY POLICY OF X300

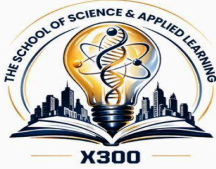
Purpose of the Cell Phone Policy: To create an environment conducive to learning by minimizing distractions caused by cell phones and other personal internet-enabled electronic devices ensure the safety and focus of all students during school the school day, and follow Education Law §2803, effective August 1, 2025, all New York State schools are required to adopt a policy that prohibits the use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds.

Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, in accordance with New York State law, New York City Public Schools is updating its policy regarding the use of internet-enabled electronic devices—including cell phones—in school. This change supports the State's intent to create distraction-free schools and aims to ensure safe and focused learning environments across all NYCPS schools. This applies to all NYC public schools. All guidelines and policies established by X300 are in accordance with New York City's Department of Education Guidelines, NYS Standards for Distraction-Free Schools, the DOE Discipline Code, and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. An "internet-enabled electronic device" is defined as an electronic device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet such as: cell phones /smartphones, smart watches, laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems such as MP3 players, PSP and other handheld gaming devices: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/policies/cell-phone-and-electronic-device-policy>

- Students *will not be permitted to use or access their personal internet-enabled electronic devices upon arrival at school until the end of the school day.*
- Students *will only be able to use school/NYCPS-issued devices during the school day if needed for instruction.*
- Students *will also not be permitted to use or access their personal internet-enabled electronic devices during afterschool programs.* The goal is to create distraction-free learning environments and support student safety and focus.

Collection /Storage: When students enter the school building, if they have any of the aforementioned devices, they must be turned off, given to their teacher or a school counselor, who will secure the device(s) until the end of the day.

If a student attends an afterschool program in our school, the Director of the program will secure their device(s) for the duration of the program. At the end of the day, staff will return devices to



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students. ALL classrooms in grades K-5 grade will collect and secure cell phones & electronic devices in their classroom.

Exceptions:

- 1) Where necessary for student's healthcare, as determined by the student's doctor and subject to review by the Office of School Health, a student may have access to their cell phone if needed.
- 2) Students with an individualized education program or 504 Plan that includes use of an internet-enabled device and do not have a DOE/NYCPS -issued device for such purpose.

Emergency Communication: If a parent/guardian needs to communicate with their child during the school day, they can call the main office at (718) 584-6310. In case of emergency or exigent circumstances, students may report to Administration, the Main Office, Parent Coordinator or School Counselors to reach their parents or guardians.

Confiscation and return of electronic items: Students who use electronic devices in violation of the NYCPS Discipline Code, the school's policy, Chancellor's Regulation A-413, and/or the NYCPS.

Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy ("IAUSP") will be subject to progressive discipline.

If any device is confiscated due to a violation of this policy, the parent/guardian will be notified of the confiscation. Based on the nature of the violation, the following measures may be instituted:

1st Violation: Verbal Warning

2nd Violation: Confiscation of the electronic item(s) and returned at the end of the school day.

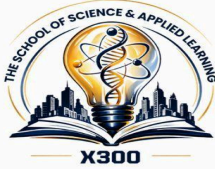
3rd Violation: Confiscation of the electronic item(s) and returned following parent conference. Devices will no longer be allowed in the school building.

X300 is not responsible or liable for any cell phones, tablets, computing devices, portable music devices, and entertainment systems brought to the school that are lost, stolen, or damaged on school property or during any school sponsored events. In the unlikely event that an electronic device is stolen or damaged at school, parents can submit a claim to the Comptroller's Office.

More information on submitting a claim is available on the Comptroller's webpage:

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

cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and productive learning environment. If you have



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any questions or need further clarification regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Enlly Paulino or AP Danielle Smith-Johnson at: 718-584-6310 ext. 0.

In partnership,

Principal, Enlly Paulino

Please SIGN & RETURN to your classroom teacher by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

X300 Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy Acknowledgment form Effective Date: August 1, 2025

I have received, read and understand the X300 School Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy, which aligns with Chancellor's Regulation A-413. I agree to follow the policy and support a safe, focused learning environment.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (please sign): _____

Student Name: _____

Grade & Class: _____