



STEINWAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 141Q

A NASA Explorer School
MAGNET FOR ADVANCED MATHEMATICS, TECHNOLOGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

AN ESSA RECOGNITION SCHOOL

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I.S. 141 Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy 2026-2027

Purpose:

In order to comply with Education Law 2803, effective August 1, 2025, I.S. 141 will adopt the following policy that prohibits the use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds. 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. Examples of such devices include cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, iPads, and portable music and entertainment systems.

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. The school day is defined as the period from the moment students enter the building until the last class of the day ends, including lunch. The school day starts at 8:00am and ends at 2:20pm. Students will be able to use school/NYCPS- issued devices during the school day.

Storage:

- Upon arrival, students must power off their devices and report to morning SEL.
- Students will place their devices in a **Tech Protect** pouch and secure in front of their SEL Teacher.
- Upon arrival, latecomers will place their devices in a **Tech Protect** pouch and secure in front of the Guidance Counselor/Dean.
- Students will store their **Tech Protect** pouch **on their person** for the duration of the school day.
- At the end of period 8, students will remove their devices from the Tech Protect pouch.
- Students with approved early dismissal will remove their device from the Tech Protect pouch in the main office.

Emergency Communications:

- In the case of an emergency, parents/guardians can call the Main office at 718-278-6404 or **Mr. Alci DeLaHoz** / Parent Coordinator at (646) 581-5545.
- In the case of an emergency, students may access their phones in the Academy Dean or Guidance Counselor's offices to reach their parents or guardians.
- In the case of an emergency, The school will use **GAMA** and **SMORE** newsletter to communicate information to parents/guardians.
 - Use this link to access GAMA: <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>
 - If you would like to add an additional email address to our SMORE mailing list, email adelahoz3@schools.nyc.gov

Exceptions:

- Parents/guardians must contact Mr. Alci DeLaHoz, Parent Coordinator, at (646) 581-5545 or via email adelahoz3@schools.nyc.gov if a student requires an exception for medical reasons (for example to monitor blood sugar or other similar circumstances), for approved language purposes (such as translation or interpretation services if no other means are available).
- Exceptions will be processed and approved within 48 hours.

Discipline:

- Students who use electronic devices in violation of our policy, the NYCPS Discipline Code and Chancellor's Regulation A-413 will be subject to progressive discipline. After the **first warning**, if a student is found with an electronic device again for the **second** time, the item will then be confiscated and sent to the Academy Dean. **The student will then be required to store the electronic device in the Dean's Office for the duration of the school day.** Repeated incidents of insubordination (i.e. refusal to surrender or store a device) **may** result in a suspension **if approved** by the Office of Safety and Youth Development.

Lost/Stolen Devices:

- In the unlikely event that an electronic device is stolen or damaged at school, parents/guardians can submit a claim to the [Comptroller's Office](#).