

STUDENTS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board of Trustees 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 the teacher.

The Board acknowledges that cellular phones, pagers, and 2-way communication systems can be a positive means to facilitate communication; however, the display and/or use of such devices can cause disruption to the educational process. No items are to be on the playground during school hours. Items are to be stored in student's book bag or cubicle.

Therefore, to prevent such disruption, the display and/ or use by students of cellular phones, pagers, 2-way communication systems, digital cameras, and/or other electronic devices shall be prohibited from the time the students arrive at school until the end of the regular school day. Such devices must be turned off and stored in secure location. The district is not responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged personal electronic devices.

In emergency situations, exceptions to the prohibition of the use of cellular phones, pagers, and 2-way communication systems may be granted by teachers or administrators.

Misuse of any of these electronic devices will result in confiscation until the end of the school day as outlined in the code of conduct. The second occurrence will require confiscation and the parent must pick up the device. The third occurrence there will be loss of privilege for the remainder of the school year. Some uses of personal electronic devices constitute violation of the school district 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 vs. New York City Board of Education, 16 Misc.3d 543 (2007)

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