

P.S.88Q
USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

Chancellor's Regulation A-413 is a new regulation. It governs the use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems on school property.

Below is a description of P.S. 88's policy:

- Students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: cell phones, laptops, tablets, iPads, and other similar computing devices ("computing devices"), and portable music and entertainment systems, but they may not be turned on or used at school, unless it is under the direct supervision of a staff member.
- Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
- Cell phones and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
- Computing devices may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination, except as authorized by the school, or pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan or a Section 504 accommodation plan.
- Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in bathrooms.
- Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, schools must certify by October 31 in their Consolidated School and Youth Development Plans that they have adopted a policy regarding the use of cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems and that they have communicated the policy to students, parents, and staff.
- Each school must conduct an annual orientation for school staff and students on this regulation and the school's policy by October 31. For the 2014-2015 school year only, such orientation must take place by April 1, 2015.
- Students who use cell phones, computing devices or portable music and entertainment systems in violation of the DOE's Discipline Code, the school's policy, this regulation, and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.
- If a student is using a cell phone or other electronic device in violation of this policy, the school may confiscate the cell phone, computing device, or portable music or

entertainment system. The item will be stored in a secure location and will be returned directly to the parent or guardian.

- You will be able to access and print a copy of this policy on the school's website (www.ps88q.com).