P. S. 152 School of Science and Technology

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PS 152 School Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy
2026-2027 School Year

Purpose:
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. 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.

At PS 152, we are committed to creating a focused, engaging, and supportive learning environment where all students can thrive. As part of this commitment, we are implementing NYC Public Schools' new citywide policy on cell phones and electronic devices. 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 school building until the last class of the day ends, including during lunch. The school day starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 2:20 PM. Students will be able to use school/NYCPS-issued devices during the school day.

COLLECTION/STORAGE

- Upon arrival, students must power off their devices.
- PS 152 will be collecting devices.
  - Each teacher will have a cell phone lock box, which they will open upon arrival each morning in grades K-5. The students will place their cell phones, smart watch, or any electronic device brought to the school into designated slots in the cell phone lock box. These cell phone lock boxes will be locked in a secure closet in the teachers classrooms.
  - At the end of each school day, teachers in grades K-5 will open the cell phone lock boxes where students will retrieve their cell phones, smart watches, or other electronic devices from their designated slots.
  - Students with approved early dismissal will retrieve their devices from the cell phone lock boxes at the time of their early departure.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- In case of emergency or exigent circumstances, parents or guardians can call the PS 152 main office to reach their child at 718 434-5222 extension 1030.
- In case of emergency or exigent circumstances, students may access phones from the cell phone lock boxes to reach their parents.
- In case of emergency or exigent circumstances, the school will use Class Dojo to communicate information to parents or guardians.

EXCEPTIONS

- Students 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 Gina Smalley, the Principal, if a student requires an exception for reasons such as: medical monitoring/treatment s (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 twenty-four hours.

DISCIPLINE

- 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. This means that the disciplinary responses will escalate based on the nature and frequency of the violation. As provided in the State law, a student may not be suspended solely because the student accessed a personal internet-enabled device in violation of school policy. Repeated incidents of insubordination (i.e. refusal to surrender or store device) **may** result in a suspension **if approved** by the Office of Safety and Youth Development.

IF LOST OR STOLEN:

- 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.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and productive learning environment. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Zaccheo, our Parent Coordinator at 719 434-5222 extension 1030.