



Public School 121

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The New York City Dept. of Education's cell phone ban has been lifted as of March 2, 2015. A new regulation, Chancellor's Regulation A-413, will govern the use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems on school property.

Each principal must establish a written school-based policy regarding the use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems on school property that is consistent with the regulation, and must consult with the School Leadership Team.

The School Leadership Team has met and the attached plan has been established. Please read the full plan on the attached page carefully and discuss it with your child. The school will be instructing staff and students on the policy as soon as possible to ensure it is followed consistently.

CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS MAY NOT BE TURNED ON OR USED BY STUDENTS WHILE ON PS/IS 121 PROPERTY.

STUDENTS ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT THEY BRING TO SCHOOL. PS/IS 121 NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STOLEN, DAMAGED OR LOST DEVICES.

Although we do not foresee any problems arising from this proposed change, it is extremely important for the school community to understand that students assume all responsibility for cell phones and other electronic devices that they bring to school. PS/IS 121 Nelson A. Rockefeller is not responsible for stolen, damaged or lost devices. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems and the rules and regulations used to govern their possession and use must not become a distraction or hindrance to classroom instruction and the educational process.

Sincerely,

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SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF PS/IS 121 NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: 1) cell phones; 2) laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and 3) portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS.

Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems brought to school must be turned off before students are on school property.

Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property.

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.

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.

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Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment system in violation of any provision of the DOE’s Discipline Code, the school’s policy, Chancellor Regulation A-413, and/or the DOE’s Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (“IAUSP”) will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

Students who violate the DOE’s Discipline Code, the school’s policy, this regulation, and/or the Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy are subject to having their cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems confiscated. If a school official confiscates a cell phone, computing device, or portable music or entertainment system for violation of the DOE’s Discipline Code, the school’s policy,

this regulation, and/or the Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, the principal/designee must contact the student's parent. The first time a school confiscates a cell phone, computing device, or portable music or entertainment system, the student's parent will be contacted and it will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. The second time a school confiscates a cell phone, computing device, or portable music or entertainment system, the student's parent will be contacted and required to come to school so that it can be returned to the parent.

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I have read my school's policy about use of cell phones/other electronic devices.

By signing this document, I agree to follow all the rules contained in this document.

Student Full Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Class: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Class: _____

Date: _____

Return to your child's classroom/homeroom teacher



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TELEFONOS CELULARES, DISPOSITIVOS INFORMATICOS Y MUSICA PORTABLE Y SISTEMAS DE ENTRETENIMIENTO NO DEBEN DE SER PRENDIDOS O USADOS POR ESTUDIANTES MIENTRAS ESTEN EN LOS PREDIOS DE LA ESCUELA, PS/IS 121.

LOS ESTUDIANTES ASUMEN TODA RESPONSABILIDAD POR LOS TELEFONOS CELULARES Y OTROS DISPOSITIVOS ELECTRONICOS QUE TRAIGAN A LA ESCUELA. PS/IS 121 NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER NO ES RESPONSABLE POR DISPOSITIVOS HURTADOS, DAÑADOS O PERDIDOS.

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