

Student Cell Phone Policy

THE FLUSHING INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Below for a full explanation of the FIHS policy for use of cell phones and other electronic equipment during the schoolday and on school grounds

Students are permitted to bring the following electronic devices 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.**

This privilege is subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below.

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 where such use has been explicitly authorized by the school or is contained in an Individualized Education Plan (“IEP”) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan.

Students are prohibited from bringing cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems into a classroom or other locations where a NYS assessment is being administered. Test proctors, test monitors, and school officials, shall have the right to collect electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them while the test is being administered. Admission to the test shall be denied to any student who refuses to relinquish a prohibited device.

Students may use computing, recording and/or playback devices provided that such an accommodation is specified in the student’s IEP or 504 plan. Prohibited devices further may be allowed if there is documentation from a medical practitioner on file at the school that a student requires such a device during testing.

Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.

Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in bathrooms.

B. Cell phones may be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

Cell phones may not be used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

Cell phones may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: lunch and free periods in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

After the school day:

Cell phones may be used in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

Computing devices may be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

Computing devices may not be used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

Computing devices may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: lunch and free periods in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

After the school day:

Computing devices may be used in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

Portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below:

During the school day:

Portable music and entertainment systems may not be used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

Portable music and entertainment systems may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: lunch and free periods in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

After the school day:

Portable music and entertainment systems may be used in the following designated areas: Hallways, classroom with a teacher overseeing the room and permitting use, cafeteria, and court yard.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items

When a student in our school community does not follow this policy, we will follow the procedure below, in a progressive way:

Student receives a warning

Item is taken and returned at the end of the school day by the classroom teacher

Item is taken and returned at the end of the school day by an administrator

Item is taken and returned to parent/guardian following a conference

Item is taken and returned each day according to guidelines outlined in a behavioral contract

Student loses privilege of bringing item to school

Discipline

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, our school's policy, Chancellor Regulation A-413, and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy ("ISUSP") will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

No Liability for damage, theft or loss

The Flushing International High School is not responsible for stolen, damaged or lost cell phones, computing devices or portable music and entertainment systems brought onto school grounds. In the event that a cell phone or other electronic devices is reported stolen, our staff will thoroughly investigate the incident and address any student related misconduct accordingly.