

SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF MOTT HALL II-M.S. 862 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.

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

1. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes and with the explicit permission and approval of the teacher.
2. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during after-school programs or field trips, unless with the explicit permission and approval of a teacher, administrator or other school staff.
3. 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.
4. 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 Program or Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
5. Use of cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems and other electronic devices during the administration of state standardized examinations is governed by State Education Department Rules.
6. 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.
7. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

B. Confiscation and return of electronic items

If students use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment systems in violation of the school policy the device will be confiscated and returned as described below:

1. First Violation: School Staff member will confiscate the item and take it to the Dean of Students, where it will be stored in a locked area until the end of the school day; the student will then be required to serve a lunch detention and the student’s parent or guardian shall be contacted; at the end of the school day the device will be returned to the student.
2. Second Violation: School Staff member will confiscate the item and take it to the Dean of Students, where it will be stored in a locked area until the end of the school day; the student will then be required to serve a lunch detention and the student’s parent or guardian shall be contacted; the device shall be returned to the parent or guardian from the Dean of Students.
3. Third Violation: Revocation of Privilege to bring device to school.

The school is not liable or responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems.

C. 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, the 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.