

SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF THE ANGELO PATRI SCHOOL FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

According to the new NYC DOE regulations, 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.

In order to preserve the teaching and learning environment, and safety of our students this document is to clarify the cell phone/electronic device policy for the Angelo Patri School. The policy is:

- Students are permitted to bring their cell phones/electronic devices to school. However, they are not permitted to have them out during the school day, afterschool, and other school related activities. Cell phones/electronic devices must be turned OFF before students enter the school.

It is the student’s responsibility to safeguard their cell phones/electronic devices. Once inside the school, students must store cell phones/electronic device in a location that is not visible to the teacher or other students, even though they are OFF. The Angelo Patri school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen cell phones/electronic devices.

During an emergency, if a student needs to communicate with his/her parent or guardian, the student should use the phones available in administrative offices. If parents and/or guardian need to communicate with their child during the school day, please call the main office at **(718) 584-0980** or the Parent Coordinator at **(718) 584-0980 ext: 3500**.

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 and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

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

During the school day, afterschool, and school sponsored activities :

- Cell phones may not be turned on or used while on school property. This includes after school and school activities.

C. Computing devices may be used as set forth below.

During the school day, afterschool and school sponsored activities:

- Computing systems may not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.

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

- Portable music device and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property.

E. Confiscation and return of electronic items

If a cell phone/electronic device rings, vibrates, or is used for any reason without teacher permission, or is visible anytime during class time or if you are caught using it on campus during class time, a staff member may confiscate the device.

Any student caught violating this policy will have their cell phone confiscated.

First Violation: The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Second Violation: The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned when the parent/guardian comes in to pick it up.

Third Violation: Confiscation cell phone/electronic device and return following student entering into behavioral contract. ***This contract requires parent signature.***

Fourth Violation: Revocation of privilege to bring item cell phone/electronic device to school.

Fifth Violation: Refusal to surrender your cell phone/electronic device when asked is considered defiance. Defiance may result disciplinary consequences, including suspension. Parents will be contacted.

F. Discipline

Violation of this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.