

# ***I.S. 51***

## ***Cell Phone Policy***

As per the new Chancellor's regulation I.S. 51 students are permitted to have cell phones in school. In consultation with the School Leadership Team the following guidelines will be implemented immediately.

1. Cell phones should not be visible in the classroom, halls, cafeteria, gymnasiums, locker rooms, school yard and auditorium during the school day except: (Please see item #2)
2. Cell phones will be allowed to be used in a classroom for **educational purposes ONLY**. The teacher must give **permission** to the class to use their **cell phones to do research or any other appropriate activity linked to the lesson**. The use of a cell phone in a classroom will never be mandatory. Wi-Fi is not available from the school so if your child uses their phone you are responsible for any data charges that may be applied to your bill.
3. Cell phones may not be turned on or used during fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
4. Cell phones may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or state examination.
5. If a cell phone is used in school for non-educational purposes, such as texting friends/family members, taking pictures/videos or to access social media, that phone will be confiscated. Once a cell phone is confiscated the student's **parent must** come to school for the return of the cell phone.
6. If a student is a repeat offender of not obeying the Cell Phone Policy, then the student may face disciplinary action, which could result in class removal, detention or suspension.
7. I.S. 51 is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. However, we will do our best to investigate a cell phone that may have been lost or stolen in school.
8. At this time **no other electronic devices** are allowed in school. Since items like ipads and tablets are very expensive the risk of bringing those items to school outweigh the advantages. We at I.S. 51 are committed to providing technology for our students to use in school.
9. Additionally, anyone who is interested in checking in their cell phones in compliance with the **I.S. 51 Cell Phone Check-In Policy** for safeguarding for the day, may do so by 8:15 AM in main office for the first day, and in the auditorium every day thereafter. Cell phones will be available for pick up at dismissal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Academy Assistant Principal.

We look forward to another great school year!