

SCHOOL POLICY OF NORTH QUEENS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL 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 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. 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.
4. 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 turned on or used in classrooms, offices, or hallways while classes are in session except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher or other staff member in charge.
- Cell phones may be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: Student Lunch time.
- Cell phones may also be used to contact a parent or guardian in an office with the explicit approval of a staff member.

During extended day programs:

- The same policy applies as during the day.

During school-sponsored programs or activities outside the school:

- Cell phones may be used for instructional and educational purposes and to contact parents or guardians.

C. Computing devices may be used as follows:

During the school day:

- Computing devices may only be used in areas designated for instructional and educational purposes unless explicitly authorized by a staff member.