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## Simon Baruch MS 104 Cell Phones and Electronic Devices Policy 2019-20

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As per Chancellor Regulation A-413, students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school:

- 1) Cell phones, headphones, airpods;
- 2) Laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and
- 3) Portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, Nintendo DS

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**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 locker rooms, bathrooms, cafeteria or the schoolyard.
5. Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in the cafeteria or the schoolyard during the school day.

**B. Cell phones, computing devices, portable music devices, and entertainment systems policies are set forth below and consistent with Regulation A-413:**

During the school day:

1. Cell phones, computing devices, portable music devices, and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used while on school property and must be kept away and not seen expect for:
  - o Educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
2. During after-school, school-sponsored programs or activities:
  - o Cell phones may be used to contact families during an after school activity if permitted by the activity coordinator/coach

**C. Confiscation and return of electronic items**

If any of the aforementioned items are taken out during prohibited times or in prohibited areas, the following rules will apply in regards to confiscation:

- o A swift warning will be given to put the item away and a reminder of the school policy will be verbally issued (one warning/reminder per year)
- o Confiscation of item by any school staff member and return at end of school day
- o Confiscation of item by any school staff member and return to parent/guardian via the main office in the school

**D. Discipline**

Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment systems 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.

