

SCHOOL-BASED POLICY OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG MIDDLE 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. 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. The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below.

During the school day:

1. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems **may not** be turned on or used during instructional time or used while on school property, **except** for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
2. Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems **may be** used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: breakfast and lunch in the following designated areas: cafeteria, auditorium, school yard.

C. If any cell phone, computing device, portable music or entertainment systems are visible, turned on or used while on school property, with the exception for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher or during breakfast and lunch, the item(s) will be taken away for the following periods:

1. 1st offense – 3 days
2. 2nd offense – 30 days
3. 3rd offense – remainder of school year

Confiscated items will require the parent and student to meet with the principal before the item is returned.