

Students and Personal Electronic Devices Policy Summary

As mandated by Governor Hochul, the Board of Education adopted policy #5695 on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The complete policy can be viewed [HERE](#).

What you need to know:

The policy prohibits students from utilizing smartphones or any other internet-enabled devices during the school day while on school grounds unless permitted by a student's Individualized Education Plan/Section 504 or for approved medical reasons. Any device brought to school must be turned off and stored via the following methods:

- At the elementary level (FECC, HES, OES): Any device brought to school must be turned off and stored in the student's backpack.
- At the middle school level (WMS): Any device brought to school must be turned off and stored in the student's locker.
- At the high school level (HHS): Any device that is brought to school must be turned off and stored in the student's backpack or locker. Students who leave school grounds for lunch during the school day are permitted to take their internet-enabled devices with them; however, all devices must be turned off and kept in the student's backpack or locker immediately upon reentering the building.

How to contact your children during the school day:

- At the elementary level: calling the school office.
- At the middle school level: calling the school office.
- At the high school level: calling the school office or by using the District-provided email address.
- Students may contact their parents by using these same methods above.
- In the case of an emergency, building staff will ensure that all messages are delivered promptly and that your child can contact you as needed.