Distraction Free Learning Environment

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, New York State requires all school districts to publish an annual report summarizing the enforcement of their Distraction-Free Schools Policy. The report provides an overview of how the policy was implemented during the previous school year, including required data on disciplinary actions related to the unauthorized use of internet-enabled devices and an analysis of any demographic trends.

2025-26 School Year: Distraction-Free Schools Summary:

GRADE BAND	ENROLLMENT	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
PK-5	253	18
6-8	234	57
9-12	309	396
TOTAL	**796**	**470**

2025-26 School Year: Distraction-Free Schools Summary Demographic Analysis:

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA	ENROLLMENT	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
MALE	416	333
FEMALE	362	137
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	150	48
WHITE	585	373
NON-WHITE (BLACK, ASIAN, HISPANIC)	170	97

2025-26 School Year: Distraction-Free Schools Summary - Findings and Interpretation:

The data indicates that the most significant disparities in cell phone incidents are associated with school level and gender. 84% of the incidents were in High school, while only 3.8% in the Elementary and 12% in the Middle School. No significant disparities were identified based on race or socioeconomic status.

2025-26 School Year: Distraction-Free Schools Summary- Next Steps:

Overall, the findings support continued communication of expectations and consistent reinforcement of the distraction-free school policy, particularly at the high school level. For 2026-2027, high school students are required to lock their phones in a magnetic case. Each period, students will store the magnetic case and phone in a classroom holder. The district will continue to monitor data, address emerging trends, and ensure fair and consistent enforcement.