



**Parent/Guardian Information
on
Electronic Devices in Schools
2025-26**

What do I need to know?

1. Effective September 1, 2025, New York State Education [Law](#) prohibits students from using cell phones and other internet-enabled devices during the school day and on school grounds.
2. Our Board [Policy](#) 5695 prohibits the use of *both* internet and non-internet-enabled devices during the school day, on school grounds, with specific exceptions. Any electronic devices brought to school must be stored in lockers (or classroom cubbies at K-3) during the school day unless the student has an administrator-approved exception.
3. Administrative [regulations](#) for policy 5695 provide details on the implementation of the policy, including exceptions to the policy and consequences for violating the policy.
4. All students in grades 6-12 and their parents/guardians must sign a [Responsible Use Agreement](#) at the start of the school year. Completing this form allows students to bring electronic devices to school that must be stored as noted above. *Principals will send these documents to you shortly.*
5. Students in grades 9-12 may continue to use their [personal laptops](#) in school **ONLY IF** the laptops are properly registered with the district and parents/guardians sign the required agreements. *Dr. Falino will send this form out shortly. **Students are prohibited from accessing hotspot devices, social media, and/or messaging apps on their registered personal laptops during the school day.***

What if I believe my child should have an exception to having their cell phone with them in school during the day?

1. *Exceptions for medical reasons:* Contact your child's building principal.
2. *Exceptions in a 504 plan:* Contact the 504 coordinator of your child's school.
3. *Exceptions in an IEP:* Contact the director of special education.
4. *Other:* Contact your child's building principal.

Where can I find more information on the policy?

1. Frequently asked questions are posted [HERE](#).
2. The presentation from the policy committee to the full board is posted [HERE](#).
3. The policies for all New York State school districts are posted [HERE](#).