

# P.S.134Q

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### **REMINDER!**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As per the new Chancellor's Regulation, effective March 2, 2015 students were permitted to bring cellular phones to school. Schools were charged with the responsibility of developing *their own specific policy* for the use of cell phones during the school day. The School Leadership Team (SLT), whose members are comprised of the administrative staff, teachers and parents have developed a policy that is to be followed by all students.

Please discuss this policy with your child/children so that they clearly understand the policy and what the consequences will be if the policy is not followed.

#### **CELL PHONE POLICY/THE LANGSTON HUGHES SCHOOL/P.S. 134Q**

All students who bring a cell phone to school are required to:

- Keep the cell phone concealed at all times; either in their backpacks or concealed in their pocket.
- Adhere respectfully, without rebuttal- cooperating when a staff member gives a directive or makes a request to turn over my cell phone or electronic device.
- Refrain from taking photos and videos of other students, staff, or school security agents without written authorization.
- Only use cell phones in class if they have the teacher's permission
- Never use a cell phone to intimidate, embarrass, threaten, or bully others
- Never use a cell phone or other electronic device to cheat on any test or help others cheat
- Students are responsible for the cell phones they bring to school; the school is not responsible for stolen, damaged or lost devices.
- Obey the school's policy about cell phones and other electronic devices

Remind your child/children that having a cell phone is a **privilege**, and must be used responsibly. If the policy detailed above is not followed, the cell phone will be confiscated by the school. The first time a cell phone is taken from a student who is in violation of the **cell phone policy**, the cell phone will be returned at the end of the school day. After the first time a phone is taken for violating the policy; subsequent violations will result in a meeting with the parent/guardian. **The phone will not be returned to the student.**

Sincerely,

Administration