



P.S. 58X Community School

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"Creating Scholars, Shaping Futures and Pursuing Excellence"



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P.S. 58X Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Building Our Bridge to Brilliance: Safe, Focused, and Connected Learners

Effective School Year 2026–2027

Purpose & Vision

At P.S. 58X, our mission is to guide every student across the **Bridge to Brilliance**—a pathway rooted in high academic engagement, meaningful peer interactions, and social-emotional growth. To ensure classrooms remain spaces of discovery and community, P.S. 58X strictly enforces New York State Education guidelines and NYC Public Schools Chancellor's Regulation A-413 regarding personal internet-enabled electronic devices. Removing digital distractions empowers our scholars to focus on learning, build positive relationships, and thrive safely.

Prohibited Personal Devices:

Updated Policy can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/policies/cell-phone-and-electronic-device-policy>

During the instructional day (**8:00 AM – 2:20 PM**), all personal electronic devices are prohibited from student use:

- Cell phones and smartphones
- Smartwatches and wearable communication tech
- Personal tablets, iPads, e-readers, and laptops
- Portable gaming, music, or headphone devices (e.g., AirPods, Bluetooth earbuds)
- Any non-school device capable of internet connectivity or recording

Note: Students will continue to use school-provided technology and authorized digital tools to support their learning throughout the day.

Daily Device Storage Procedures

To safeguard instructional time, all personal devices must be completely powered off upon entry and remain stored for the entirety of the school day.



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- **Morning Arrival (7:30 AM – 8:30 AM):** Devices are collected, cataloged, and securely locked at designated check-in stations at the main entrance.
 - **Late Arrivals:** Students arriving after 8:30 AM must report directly to the Main Office to submit and secure their device.
 - **Dismissal (2:10 PM – 2:20 PM):** Devices are redistributed systematically to students at designated dismissal locations.
 - **Early Pickup:** Devices will be retrieved and returned via the Main Office during authorized early departure procedures.

Approved Accommodations & Exceptions

Consistent with NYCPS policy, exceptions are reviewed and approved on an individual basis. Devices may only be permitted during the school day if:

- Documented as medically necessary (e.g., continuous glucose monitors).
- Mandated as an assistive accommodation within an active IEP or Section 504 Plan.
- Authorized by school administration for designated language translation or specialized communication support.
- Explicitly integrated into an educator-supervised instructional project.

All formal accommodation requests must be submitted to the administration; processing takes 3–5 business days.

Emergency Contact & Communication Protocols

In order to preserve a calm, focused environment, students may not access personal phones to send messages or call home during the day.

- **To Reach Your Child:** In urgent situations, families should contact the school directly:
 - **Mr. Arjune Ramdas**, Assistant Principal & BRT Coordinator: 718-583-6866 ext. 1045
 - **Ms. Paula Inestroza**, Assistant Principal 718-583-6866 ext. 3520
 - **P.S. 58X Main Office:** 718-583-6866
- **School-Wide Updates:** Official notices will be transmitted promptly via **ClassDojo**, **NYCPS SchoolMessenger**, and targeted email blasts.
- **Student Outgoing Calls:** Students who need to reach a parent/guardian for an urgent matter may use dedicated phones in the Main Office.



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Progressive Support & Discipline

In alignment with the NYC Public Schools Citywide Behavioral Expectations (Discipline Code), violations will be addressed through restorative, progressive interventions:

1. **First Incident:** Verbal reminder, re-direction, and review of the Bridge to Brilliance community expectations.
2. **Second Incident:** Temporary confiscation of the device to the Main Office safe; return to student at end-of-day dismissal.
3. **Repeated Violations:** Confiscation requiring in-person parent/guardian pickup, student-family conference, and behavioral intervention planning.

Pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-413, students may not be suspended solely for device possession or use. Disciplinary escalation applies only to persistent, documented refusal to follow school staff directives (insubordination).

Property & Liability Notice

Families are strongly encouraged to keep expensive electronics at home. P.S. 58X and the NYC Department of Education are not liable for the loss, theft, or damage of personal items brought onto school property. While staff will assist with internal inquiries regarding misplaced items, families may file formal property claims directly with the **Office of the NYC Comptroller**.

Bridge to Brilliance Commitment & Acknowledgment

Please sign and return this page to your child's classroom teacher.

I have read, understood, and agree to uphold the P.S. 58X Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy for the 2026–2027 school year.

Student Name (Print): _____ **Class/Grade:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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1. PROHIBITED DEVICES





Smartphone Smartwatch Wireless Earbuds Tablet

During instructional hours 8:00 AM - 2:20 PM



2. DAILY ROUTINE TIMELINE





ARRIVAL CHECK-IN
(7:30 - 8:30 AM)

SECURE LOCKED
STORAGE CABINET
(8:00 AM - 2:20 PM)

DISMISSAL RETURN
(2:10 - 2:20 PM)

3. APPROVED EXCEPTIONS



Medical necessary
devices (e.g.,
diabetes monitor)

Mandated assistive
accommodation
within an IEP / 504
504 plan



Requires school administration approval.
Processing takes 3-5 business days.

4. EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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