



CHANNEL VIEW

A NYC Outward Bound School



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“We are Crew, not passengers”

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Electronic Internet-Enabled Device Policy

The 2025-2026 New York State electronic internet-enabled device policy includes a ban on students using electronic internet-enabled devices on instructional days. This policy will be posted on the school website and disseminated to all families and students before the first day of school. This law went into effect on May 10, 2025.

Restrictions

Based on Chancellor’s Regulation A-413, the use of non-school issued electronic internet-enabled devices on school grounds is prohibited for the entirety of the instructional day and non-instructional periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study hall, and passing time. This restriction includes cell phones, phone watches, ear buds, headphones as well as any other internet-enabled electronic devices. These items will be collected and placed in individual magnetic secured pouches during morning entry and returned at the end of the day.

During the school day:

- Each student will receive a magnetic bag to put all their internet-enabled devices in. These will be collected and locked after they enter the building and will be returned and unlocked as they leave.
- If a student shows up without a pouch, the phone will be stored in the main office until dismissal.
- Damaged pouches with devices will be stored in the main office until dismissal.
- If you lose the pouch, you must purchase another in room 171.
- If a student attempts to sneak in any electronic devices:
 - **1st offense:** The electronic internet-enabled device(s) will be confiscated until the end of the current day and parent contact.
 - **2nd offense:** The electronic internet-enabled device(s) will be confiscated until the end of the next day and parent contact.
 - **3rd offense:** The electronic internet enabled-device(s) will be confiscated until picked up by a parent/guardian along with a mandatory parent/guardian conference.
- Devices collected in the morning will be returned at dismissal by the student’s homeroom teacher. Students with approved early dismissals will retrieve devices from the main office. Students arriving late secure devices immediately at the main office.

Methods of Parent/Guardian contact of student during the school day/Phone Storage:

Students who need to contact home during the school day may use the phone in the Main Office, room 171. In emergencies, the school will notify families using the DOE’s GAMA messenger system. Families can access GAMA by setting up a NYCSA account. Instructions for creating a NYCSA account are available on the DOE website or at the Main office. If you need to contact your child during the day, you can call:

- Mr. Mason, the Parent Coordinator at 718-634-1970, ext. 1711
- Ms. N. Williams, the Family Worker at 718-634-1970, ext. 1718

Exceptions:

- Exceptions may be granted for students with IEPs or 504s that require device use, for medical monitoring (e.g., glucose checks), caregiver responsibilities, language/translation needs, or as required by law. Families requesting an exception should contact Mr. Mason, Parent Coordinator at (718) 634-1970. Requests will be reviewed and families notified within 5 school days.

Regents and State testing days:

- It is strictly forbidden to be in possession of an electronic internet-enabled device during the administration of any school or state quiz, test or examination. All electronic internet-enabled devices will be collected during Regents and State tests. Any violation could result in test invalidation.

Trips:

- Students will be allowed to carry their electronic internet-enabled devices on trips, but all electronic internet-enabled devices must be placed in the secured pouches, and placed in students’ bags.

Stolen/damaged personal devices:

- If a personal device is reported stolen or damaged at school, the student must notify the main office immediately. Families may also submit a claim through the NYC Comptroller’s Office; information and forms are available on the Comptroller’s website

Student Discipline

- Students who use electronic devices in violation of the DOE’s Discipline Code, Channel View’s Policy, Chancellor’s Regulation A-413 and or the DOE’s Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the DOE Discipline Code.

Student Name: _____ Class _____ Date _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____