



Hellenic Classical Charter Schools (HCCS)
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Staten Island (SI), est. 2018

HCCS Student Phone & Device Policy
CELL PHONE PLAN

To help our students stay focused, safe, and connected to learning—not their screens—Hellenic Classical Charter Schools (Park Slope & Staten Island) will follow the new NYS law that limits internet-enabled device use during the school day.

Here's what you need to know:



What's Not Allowed

Students may not use personal "internet enabled devices" (like smartphones, smart watches, tablets, etc.) on school grounds from the start to the end of the school day—this includes all class time, lunch, recess, and hallway transitions.



Exceptions

Students may only use their personal internet-enabled devices during school hours if:

- It's part of an approved educational activity.
- They have an emergency, medical need, or where such use is included in the student's IEP, or 504 Plan.
- They use it for language translation or family responsibilities (with permission).
- Where required by law.



Storing Devices

All internet-enabled devices must be:

- Locked in a school-provided pouch
- Kept off and stored in school lockers (not on the student) and not used from the start to the end of the school day. *[FYI – NYSED guidance provides as follows: Schools may utilize lockers as a dedicated storage method, though to be in compliance with the law, policies must be crafted to effectively prohibit the unsanctioned use of covered devices across the entire school day. Allowing continuous and unsupervised student access to covered devices when stored in a locker would not meet the law's objective of prohibiting unsanctioned use across the school day and school grounds.]*



Need to Reach Your Child?

Please call the school's main office. Students may not use their internet-enabled devices phones during the day to call or text home.



What Happens If Students Break the Rules?

- 1st Time: Warning and family contact
- 2nd Time: Phone taken—only a parent can pick it up
- Ongoing Issues: Further consequences to be determined - case by case

We thank you for helping us create a learning environment that puts students first. Questions? Contact your campus office or email us at officeps@hccs-nys.org for Park Slope or officesi@hccs-nys.org for Staten Island.

Together, we're keeping our schools distraction-free and focused on success!