URBAN DOVE TEAM CHARTER SCHOOLS
CELLPHONE PLAN POLICY

Updated August 2026

In accordance with New York Education Law § 2803, Urban Dove Team Charter Schools (UDTCS) prohibits the use of internet-enabled devices—including but not limited to smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, and any other device capable of connecting to the internet—by students during the school day and on school property.
This policy will be posted publicly on our website.

Overview
To maintain a safe, distraction-free learning environment, all students are required to turn in all internet-enabled devices upon arrival each day. Devices will be securely stored in the Dean's Office and returned at dismissal.

Internet-enabled devices include:

- Cellphones / smartphones
- Smartwatches
- Tablets
- Any personal device that can access the internet

Parent Contact During the Day
Parents and guardians may contact their child during school hours by:

- Calling their child's Coach directly
- Calling the school's main office

These contact methods will be shared with families annually at the start of the school year and upon a student's enrollment.

Enforcement
If a student is found in possession of a device during the school day:

- The device will be confiscated and held by school staff.
- A parent or guardian will be notified.
- If the behavior continues, the parent or guardian may be asked to attend a meeting with school leadership.

Students will not be suspended solely for violating this policy.

Exceptions
Exceptions to this policy may be granted for:

- Specific educational activities with leadership approval
- Health care management, including use of medical devices
- Emergency situations
- Translation or accessibility services
- As required by a student's IEP or 504 plan
- Case-by-case caregiver needs as determined by a school psychologist, social worker, or counselor

Storage of Devices
Each school will provide a secure location (Dean's Office) for all student devices.

Annual Reporting
UDTCS will publish an annual report by September 1 of each year, beginning in 2026, that outlines:

- The number of students subject to disciplinary action for non-compliance
- Non-identifiable demographic data for those students
- Any demographic disparities in enforcement
- A plan to address disparities, if applicable

This report will be posted publicly on the school's website.

Stakeholder Input
This policy was developed with input from local stakeholders, including staff, students, and families, as required by law.

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Location	**UD Brooklyn**	**UD II Bronx**	**UD III Queens**	**UD IV Manhattan**
The number of students subject to disciplinary action for non-compliance	1	9	2	2
Non-identifiable demographic data for those students	100% male 100% white	66% male 44% female 66% hispanic 44% black	50% male 50% female 50% hispanic 50% asian	100% male 100% black
Any demographic disparities in enforcement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
A plan to address disparities, if applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A