

BYOD Policy for Gulf Middle Students
(Bring Your Own Personal Electronic Device)

Rationale

We believe equitable access to technology will aid our students in becoming responsible, productive digital citizens, and lifelong learners. Today's students use technology to learn. Technology is essential to facilitate the problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's society. We want our students to be purposeful, digital contributors in our community; we also want them to be safe and responsible when using technology. Our BYOD policy supports our vision of technology use and digital citizenship.

Policy

Students may bring their personal electronic devices to school in order to enhance learning and demonstrate the ethical use of technology. Devices include Smartphones, Tablets, Laptops, iPods, eReaders, and other similar devices.

School-wide Guidelines

Allowed

- Use until 7:45 am
- Use during passing time
- Use to, during, and from lunch
- Use after 2:00 pm
- On buses am/pm
- Classroom use for teacher directed instructional activities
- One ear bud, (none during class time)

Not Allowed

- Personal use during instructional time
- Taking OR using a phone that is not yours
- Taking pictures or video of others without knowledge and consent
- Taking pictures or video in restrooms or locker rooms
- Posting to social media
- Headphones (ear bud style only)
- Use during lonely lunch
- During crisis procedures/drills to include fire and lockdown

Students are responsible for...

- Following daily classroom cell phone procedures as determined by the classroom teacher.
- Keeping their equipment safe and secure. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.
- Managing battery life (charge your cell phone at home).
- Using in an appropriate and ethical manner.
- Knowing and adhering to the network use policy.
- Keeping the ownership documentation, including serial number, at home.
- Being in possession of only their device and not allowing others to use their device.

Consequences (Each offense will be documented)

First Offense - Teacher warning and direct student to follow procedure.

Second Offense - Teacher takes the device and returns at the end of the class period.

Third Offense - Teacher turns in device to Main Office and student can pickup at end of the day (Parent contact)

Fourth Offense - Teacher turns in device to Main Office and parent has to come pick up (Parent contact)

Fifth Offense - Referral for defiance of BYOD guidelines