

**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. Also, we 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 8:30 am
- Use during passing time
- Use to, during, and from lunch
- Use after 2:50 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 or engaging in social media
- Headphones (ear bud style only)
- 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.
- 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 will be made)

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

Fifth Offense - Referral for defiance of BYOD guidelines