



EMIRATES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - Meadows

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY

Emirates International School – Meadows is dedicated to providing a learning environment that gives access to appropriate technology in order to enhance learning, unlock potential and connect students locally and globally. We ensure that all students, staff and guests have access to high-speed internet in all areas of the school.

The BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy has been designed to ensure that all members of the community are given the opportunity to develop the necessary skills and literacy to thrive in the digital age.

Student-centered learning is a key value of any IB World School and **BYOD** helps support this philosophy by giving students more opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile.

How does BYOD support learning?

The students at EISM are *digital-natives*. For them, technology is part of the environment in which they are growing up, not just a resource as it was for previous generations.

Our aim at EISM is for students to learn *with* technology, rather than learning *from* technology.

The use of **BYOD** supports key contemporary learning skills including:

- Accessing, filtering and processing information
- Planning and organizing
- Making choices and decisions
- Facing challenges and problem solving
- Risk-taking and overcoming challenges
- Collaborating and sharing
- Communicating
- Being creative and innovative
- Reflecting

This policy applies to any device that is not school owned or supplied, and is used to access the school wireless network. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and procedures when students use their own devices in school, to ensure safe use and the integrity of the EIS network.

Which devices are suitable for BYOD?

This **BYOD** policy applies to all devices which fit the following classifications:

- Tablets (e.g. IPADS/kindle)
- Laptop/notebook/netbook computers

Although smartphones and other devices, such as iPods, perform many of the functions of tablets, they are not preferred due to issues such as shorter battery life and smaller size of the device, and the higher risk of the device being misused in the learning environment.

The devices “of choice” at Emirates International School- Meadows are, but not restricted to, the following:

Programme (Year)	Preferred Device
PYP & MYP (Year 3 to Year 11)	IPAD / Tablet / Laptop / MacBook
IBDP (Years 12 & 13)	Laptop / MacBook / Tablet / IPAD

These devices are preferred by our schools but the use of other devices mentioned above may be appropriate to the activities carried out in classrooms.

*School IPADS will be used in the Early Years, Years 1 & 2 as required with their learning programme, younger students are not expected to carry their own devices between home and school.
During special projects home devices maybe requested from certain grades.*

Are there specific technical requirements for a device?

Where applicable devices must have un-expired and functioning antivirus protection installed (not required for Apple/iOS devices). Each device must have wireless capability to access the Internet as this is the only method available.

Will I receive technical support?

All students will be given the necessary help and guidance to set up passwords and access the internet. However, due to the large number of devices in the school, maintenance and technical support is the responsibility of the user.

Who will pay for downloads and portal access?

The school will pay for the institutional licenses and registration fees of approved programmes used in the school. The school is not responsible for possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school related use. Users will pay their own registration fees to access student and parent portals or otherwise as relevant to the services provided by the school approved programmes. It is expected that apps are downloaded at home and that iTunes accounts are not accessed in school, to protect parents and students financially.

Are there restrictions on the use of my device?

The use of a personal device in the school is for instructional use only and **always** at the teacher’s discretion. In addition, the wireless access is for internet use only, and users will not have access to other school systems.

Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules and policies.