Academic BYOD Policy

Emirates International School - Jumeirah

**Linked to the following policies and essential agreements
E-Safety, BYOD, Acceptable Use, Student Essential Agreement – Online Behaviour**

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICES (BYOD) POLICY

Technology is an integral part of life, and this is no less true in education. At Emirates International School we are dedicated to 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 and staff have access to high-speed internet in all areas of the school and they may bring a device of their own to access this.

The students at EIS are digital-natives. For them, technology is part of the environment in which they are growing up. The BYOD policy has been designed to ensure that all members of the school community are given the opportunity to develop the necessary digital literacy skills to thrive in the digital age.

How does BYOD support learning?

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.

Our aim at EIS 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 ?

At EIS our BYOD model is based upon The Bring Your Own Standard Device, where the students have to procure a device from a limited selection of standardized requirements dictated by the school. Fully funded and owned by the student, but managed by the school. This allows for both parent and student to choose a device which meets their budget and needs, while meeting the requirements of learning at EIS.

The devices "of choice" at Emirates International Schools are as follows.

Programme (Year)	Preferred Device
PYP Year 2 to 4	Suitable Tablet/iPad
PYP & MYP (Year 5 to Year 11)	Suitable laptop/MacBook or Tablet
IBDP & IBCP (Years 12 & 13)	Laptop/MacBook

School iPads and other devices will be provided to Early Years, Years 1 & 2 as younger students are not expected to carry their own devices between home and school.

Please note that **smartphones are not considered a suitable device** due to screen size, storage limitations, and function restrictions.

Please look at the below specifications for the device you would like to bring in.

Windows Device:
1. My device is not older than 4 years, or was purchased during or after 2013.
2. My device has at least 4GB of RAM.
3. My device has a 4 + hour battery life.
4. My device has working WIFI.
5. My device has Windows 7 or above.
6. My laptop has up to date anti-virus software

Apple Laptop:
1. My laptop is not older than 4 years, or was purchased during or after 2016.
2. My laptop is running the latest OSX
3. My laptop has at least 4GB of RAM (8GB recommended for MacBook Pro).
4. My laptop has a 4 + hour battery life.
5. My laptop has working WIFI.

Tablet/iPad:
1. My tablet is less than 4 years old, or was purchased during or after 2016
2. My tablet is running the most up to date OS it is capable of
3. My tablet has a 4+ hour battery life
4. My tablet has working wifi.
5. A 10" screen or more (this automatically excludes mobile phones)
6. A Protective case

Software/Apps
- Word processing (word, pages, google docs)
- Spreadsheet capabilities (excel, numbers, sheets)
- Cloud Storage (G Drive/Dropbox)
- Chrome web browser
- Voice recording capabilities
- Video recording/editing

Students with tablets will be required to download Apps to suit the learning situation within their classroom. This may also include Mobile Device Management software.

Are there restrictions on the use of my device?
The use of a personal device in the school is for instructional use only and 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 or printers. Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules and policies.

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.

THE BYOD PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

We have read and understood how the BYOD policy will enhance student-centered learning at EIS. We will work in collaboration with the school as per the agreement below. We recommend that parents ensure that devices are fully insured, serial numbers are recorded and where possible tracking/location software is used.

	Please Tick
We agree that students are responsible for the safety, security loss or damage of their device. The school cannot be held responsible for student devices.	
Devices should only be used for learning purposes, as instructed by a teacher. Using the device in a way that disrupts the learning of others will not be tolerated.	
Users must power off and put away personal devices if directed to do so by teachers or school administration.	
Users must abide by all EIS school policies when using their own devices.	
Users are responsible for the use of their personal device on the EIS network at all times.	
The school is unable to support any technical issues and/or upgrades of the device.	
Users should practice caution when allowing others to access their personal device. All liabilities remain with the user.	
It is expected that students arrive at school with their devices fully charged.	
It is expected that apps are downloaded at home and that iTunes accounts are not accessed in school, to protect parents and students financially.	
The use of private wireless connections is not permitted. In school students should only connect to the internet via the school WIFI.	
The use of a device to threaten the sense of security or well-being of others will not be tolerated on or off campus.	

Failure to adhere to the partnership agreement may result in the student being removed from the BYOD programme.

Name and Signature of Student

Name and Signature of Parent