




Gulf Indian High School, Dubai



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY 2023-2024

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Reviewed by	Governing Body	Signed	

ICT skills of students is one of the essential 21st Century Skills that today's kids should master to be successful in this century. As has been regularly emphasized by KHDA, the school has been ensuring this through implementing 'GIHS BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy' for the last seven years and made Educational Devices (Tabs/Laptops) an essential requirement for students from grades 1 to12. The basic objective is to help students not only master but also channelize their IT skills in the right direction. At school, the **device will be used for Supervised Research Works in the classroom, for spot evaluation of the classroom learning, to access the digital text contents, to use as a platform for school provided resources wherever applicable, to practice assessments, to do extension activities uploaded to the site by teachers, to complete questionnaires and surveys shared from school, etc.** it also enables them to access their Class/Subject Teams, download teacher-made assignments, complete it in the prescribed time and upload the same with ease. Moreover, the device is also made use of to attend The International Benchmark Tests like CAT4, ASSET Dynamic, e-TIMSS, e-PISA, e-PIRLS & PASSME that are mandatory but conducted online by the government approved agencies in Dubai. Some of the school assessments are also conducted in the online platform through the device. Therefore, equipping your child with a suitable device is more than a necessity in the evolving digital environment.

Accordingly, all parents are requested to purchase the necessary gadgets that meet at least the minimum configuration given below. If you already have a device meeting the configuration below, you need not buy the device again. Otherwise, we suggest you purchase a new compatible device. As you all know, devices and software are always upgraded so that after some years, they may grow incompatible and need a replacement. It is nothing but a natural process.

The required minimum configuration of the gadget is as follows

Laptop	Tabs
Intel core i5 , 14" or 15.6" FHD Display , Minimum 8GB DDR4 , 512GB SSD Hard disk, Wi-Fi , HDMI , Windows 10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Manufacturer: Samsung or Lenovo ▪ Operating System: Android 9.0 Oreo and above ▪ CPU-Octa Core ▪ Internal Storage - Minimum 64 GB ▪ RAM - 4 GB ▪ Minimum Connectivity -

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| | ▪ Minimum Screen Size: 10.1” |
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(Note: The above recommendations are made with the expectations of the technological advancements for the next 2 years. If the present device of your ward is not meeting the above-mentioned requirements, you are requested to get it replaced with the above specifications or still higher.)

Only the above two kinds of devices will be permitted in the campus for and should be used only for academic purposes. The school does not allow to bring cell phone to school for reasons whatsoever as it is strictly against the school’s BYOD policy and could endanger the safety of the inmates.

The school will share with you the log in credentials as users and the ‘Url’ or link to download the content/App. The subscription and installation formalities should be **completed on or before 27th May 2022**. This will enable us to make optimum use of the gadget for the complete advantage of your ward.

Soliciting your continued sincere cooperation and thanking you,

Principal



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GIHS Internet, Network, Technology, Equipment and BYOD Acceptable Use Policy (GIHS BYOD Policy)

Agreement by Student & Parent

I, _____, student of _____ hereby declare that

1. I will only use the GIHS facilities, Equipment and Internet when these are officially available for my use.
2. I will bring only permitted devices (Laptop/Tab/I-Pad) as per the BYOD policy
3. I will install only the school recommended software and content modules in the device and will use for academic and allowed purposes only. I shall not manipulate the installation of **EDUCATIONAL CONTENTS** Installed by the school in my Device.
4. **I understand and agree that I am not permitted to bring mobile phones or any unauthorized devices** to the school and if brought, the device will be confiscated by the school authorities and can only be collected back by my

parent at the end of the academic year, on submission of a proper '**Apology and Undertaking Letter**' with respect to the incident.

5. I understand and agree that in case there is any emergency need for carrying mobile to school, I can only carry a normal mobile phone with no cam or internet facility and that all types of smart phones are prohibited at the school. For this I agree that I shall do so only after the parental request in this regard being officially approved by the principal.
6. I will access ONLY my account and make sure no one else has access to my account. I understand that I am responsible for all actions that take place on my user account.
7. I will not shoot, download, transfer, write, draw or view any unsuitable graphic, text or other inappropriate material and it is my responsibility to immediately inform the teacher should I accidentally access anything inappropriate.
8. I will not download, transfer, install or use any applications, utilities, games, music, video files or other files or software not approved by GIHS.
9. I will only go to sites on the acceptable website list unless otherwise directed by my teacher.
10. I understand that YouTube, gaming sites and all social networking sites are expressly forbidden unless the teacher oversees what I am doing.
11. I will not involve in any type of cyberbullying, and I will report any cyberbullying noticed, experienced or committed to a staff member.
12. I will treat the GIHS computers, systems and the school network with respect and care.
13. If I know of someone misusing anything, I will report this to a member of staff anonymously.
14. I will only access the local server or wider network that is readily available to me for transmission and reception of material that would be considered 'acceptable' by the school.
15. If I use any material from the Internet in my own work, I will clearly state the source.
16. I will only use e-mail, chat or messaging facilities during lessons if allowed to do so by the teacher.

17. I will keep my personal details to myself when using the internet.

18. I will not attempt by any means to circumvent the restrictions placed upon the machine or the network I am connected to.

19. I understand that trying to bypass the blockings put in place by the Telecommunications Regulation Authority (TRA) is against the law of the UAE and I will not attempt to do so.

20. I understand and agree that the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage of the device or loss of data/documents in the device and will respond with calmness to such losses. I shall not blame the school authority for any such loss whatsoever.

21. I understand and agree that in case I violate any of the above conditions, I am subjectable to disciplinary consequences as per relevant school policies.

Name of the student: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

22. Parental Declaration: -

I, _____, Father/Mother (please tick the relevant word) of _____, grade & division _____, have read and understood the circular regarding the need for purchase of the device for my ward as per the configuration specified above. I assure you that I will provide my ward with the necessary device as per the BYOD policy of the school. I also hereby agree that my ward will strictly abide by the stipulations set forth in the GIHS Internet, Network, Technology, Equipment and BYOD Acceptable Use Policy (GIHS BYOD Policy).

Name of parent _____

signature _____

Date: _____

Contact no. _____

Email ID: _____