



مدرسة الواحدة الخاصة
AL WAHDA PRIVATE SCHOOL
An American Curriculum School

**Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy and Guidance
2025-2026**

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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy is to allow students to bring personally owned devices to school to enhance learning and digital engagement. This policy aims to ensure responsible use, safeguard data and users, and clarify expectations around device use on campus.

2. Acceptable Devices & Specifications

Students may bring the following types of devices:

- **Laptops (Windows, macOS, Chromebook)**
- **Tablets (iOS, Android)**
- **Smartphones (iOS, Android)** – Limited use during class time unless explicitly permitted.

Minimum Device Specifications

Specification	Minimum Requirement
Operating System	Windows 10+, macOS 11+, iOS 14+, Android 11+
RAM	4 GB or more
Screen Size	9" minimum (recommended for productivity)
Wi-Fi	802.11ac compatible
Battery Life	Minimum of 6 hours per full charge

Note: Devices must support access to web-based and cloud-based educational platforms such as Google Workspace or Microsoft 365.

3. BYOD Agreements

Before students may use their devices on school grounds, a signed **BYOD Agreement Form** must be submitted by both student and parent/guardian. This agreement will confirm:

- Understanding of school expectations.
- Acceptance of liability terms.
- Consent to comply with internet safety rules and appropriate conduct.

BYOD privileges may be revoked for violations of this policy.

4. Maintenance, Support, and Liability

Student & Family Responsibility

- Devices must be brought to school fully charged.
- Students are responsible for the care, security, and upkeep of their devices.
- The school is **not responsible** for loss, theft, or damage to personal devices.
- The school's IT staff **will not** provide technical support or repair for personal devices.

Protective Measures Recommended

- Protective cases or sleeves
- Device tracking software (e.g., Find My iPhone, Google Find My Device)
- Screen protectors and antivirus software (where applicable)

5. Network Access & Restrictions

Students may access the school's **Student Wi-Fi Network** after device registration and completion of the BYOD Agreement. Use of personal mobile hotspots or cellular data during school hours is prohibited.

Access Guidelines:

- Internet access will be filtered and monitored in accordance with the **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**.
- Certain websites, apps, or services (e.g., gaming, streaming) will be restricted.
- All device use must comply with the school's **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**.

6. Responsible Use & Social Media Guidance

General Guidelines:

- Devices are to be used **only for educational purposes** during class time unless otherwise permitted.
- **Headphones** may only be used with teacher approval.
- **Recording (video/audio)** of teachers, students, or staff without permission is strictly prohibited.

Social Media Use:

- Students may not use social media during instructional time unless it is part of a teacher-led activity.
- Cyberbullying, harassment, or inappropriate content sharing (text, image, video) on or off campus is a violation of the school's **Student Code of Conduct** and may result in disciplinary action.
- Students are reminded that their digital footprint is permanent. Posts made from personal devices, even off-campus, may have school consequences if they disrupt the learning environment or target school community members.

7. Consequences for Misuse

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in:

- Temporary or permanent suspension of BYOD privileges.
- Confiscation of the device (to be returned to a parent/guardian).
- Disciplinary action in line with school behavior policies.

8. Review and Contact

This policy is reviewed annually. For questions or further clarification, please contact the School Technology Coordinator or Principal at **[Contact Information]**.

Signatures Required:

Students and parents must review and sign the BYOD Agreement Form prior to participation.

Attachments:

- BYOD Agreement Form
- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Signed,
Duraïd Al- Oubaidy
Principal,

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