

Smart Devices & Gadget Use Policy

Academic Year: 2025–2026

Purpose

To ensure the **safe, ethical, and balanced use of smart devices** (e.g., iPads, smartwatches, tablets) within the classroom environment, supporting learning while prioritizing student well-being, digital responsibility, and classroom engagement.

Philosophy

As an International School, we value **inquiry, digital citizenship, and learner agency**, while promoting **balance and self-discipline**. Technology is a valuable learning tool when used purposefully and ethically. However, it should never become a distraction or disrupt learning.

Scope of the Policy

Applies to all SFIS students and covers the use of:

- **iPads or school-approved tablets**
 - **Smartwatches (e.g., Apple Watch, Fitbit, GPS watches)**
 - **Other personal digital gadgets or wearable tech**
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☒ Permitted Use in School

| Device | Allowed For |
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| iPads/Tablets | Schoolwork, research, learning apps (approved by teachers/school) |
| Smartwatches | Basic time-checking only (if worn); no communication or game use allowed |
| Audio Devices | Only for designated reading/listening activities with teacher approval |

☒ Not Allowed During School Hours

- Texting, calling, or chatting via smartwatches or tablets.
 - Taking photos or videos without teacher permission.
 - Playing games or using social media on any device.
 - Using gadgets during recess/lunch unless teacher-directed.
 - Wearing or using any personal gadget not approved by school.
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Rules & Expectations

1. **iPads/tablets must be brought fully charged**, used only for schoolwork, and handled with care.
 2. **Smartwatches must remain on “School Mode” or silent.** No app use, camera, or communication features should be active.
 3. **Devices must be kept in school bags** unless a teacher allows usage for specific learning activities.
 4. **No personal hotspots, VPNs, or unapproved apps.**
 5. Students should demonstrate **responsibility, respect, and integrity** when using devices (IB Learner Profile).
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Consequences of Misuse

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| First Violation | Verbal reminder and discussion with the student |
| Second Violation | Device temporarily taken and returned at end of the day |
| Third Violation | Parent notified; device kept in school office for 1 week or until meeting |
| Repeated Violations | Device no longer allowed for a period; disciplinary action may follow |

Parent Responsibilities

- Discuss this policy with your child and encourage ethical digital behavior.
 - Ensure devices brought to school follow school guidelines.
 - Monitor apps, usage, and content installed on your child's gadgets.
 - Ensure all devices are labeled and insured if necessary.
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Privacy & Security

- Students should never share passwords or personal data.
- Devices used in school are subject to monitoring to ensure safety and appropriateness.

- Cyberbullying, misuse of camera or communication apps, or inappropriate content will result in serious consequences in line with the school's policy.
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Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to reflect changing technology and educational needs, with feedback from students, teachers, and parents.

Acknowledgment Form

☒ I have read and understood the **PYP Smart Devices & Gadget Use Policy**.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature (Student): _____

Signature (Parent): _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

