

RADIANT INDIAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS, SHARJAH BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY 2025-2026

1. Purpose

This policy supports the integration of technology into learning by allowing students to bring personal digital devices (laptops, tablets, or iPads) to school for educational purposes, under controlled and secure conditions.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students in Grades [3-11] who participate in the BYOD program, as well as their parents, teachers, and support staff.

3. Objectives

- Enhance digital learning and access to online resources.
- Foster digital literacy and self-directed learning.
- Promote responsible use of technology aligned with UAE values and school ethos.

4. Approved Devices

Students may bring:

- Laptops (Windows/macOS/Chrome OS)
- Tablets (iPad/Android)
- E-readers or stylus-supported tablets (for note-taking)

Mobile phones and smartwatches are not included under this policy unless specifically approved for academic use.

5. Acceptable Use Guidelines

Students must:

- Use devices only for educational purposes as directed by teachers.
- Connect only to the school's secure Wi-Fi network.
- Respect the privacy, dignity, and safety of others at all times.
- Refrain from accessing or sharing inappropriate content.
- Use devices in classrooms only with teacher permission.

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6. Digital Citizenship & Cyber Safety

Students and parents must agree to:

- Follow the school's Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Protect personal information (no sharing of passwords or private data).
- Report cyberbullying, inappropriate content, or misuse immediately.
- Understand that all device activity on school networks may be monitored.

7. Security & Responsibility

- Students are responsible for their own devices at all times.
- The school is not liable for loss, damage, or theft.
- Devices must be charged before coming to school—charging during school hours is not guaranteed.
- Students must label their devices clearly.

8. Restrictions

- Gaming, social media, and non-educational apps are not permitted during school hours.
- No audio/video recording is allowed without consent from all involved.
- VPNs, proxies, or apps that bypass school security are strictly forbidden.
- BYOD access may be revoked for violations of school rules.

9. Parental Involvement

Parents/guardians must:

- Ensure the device is safe, updated, and has antivirus protection.
- Sign the BYOD agreement with the school.
- Encourage responsible digital habits and monitor at-home use.

10. Implementation & Review

- The IT department will provide initial setup support and cybersecurity education.
- Policy to be reviewed annually in line with SPEA/MOE guidelines and updates to digital learning standards.

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Agreement Form

All students and parents must sign a BYOD Participation Agreement before being allowed to use personal devices at school.