

Electronic device policy for academic year 2026-27

In full compliance with MOE and ADEK guidelines, our school's electronic device policy ensures that restrictions are never more severe than regulatory recommendations. The school utilizes a framework that prioritizes student guidance and positive behavioral reinforcement.

Submitting an enrolment or renewal application to Summit School constitutes automatic acceptance of the electronic device policy, including the consequences for non-adherence.

For this document, a personal electronic device refers to any device that can be connected to the internet or can be connected to a smartphone.

MOE policy states that confiscations of electronic devices must be of the whole device, including the SIM card.

Medical exemptions are accepted by following a strict process prescribed by ADEK. Request a formal Medical Report (specifying the diagnosis and the direct medical necessity for the student to keep a smartphone, such as continuous glucose monitoring for diabetes). Ensure the doctor uploads the report directly to the Malaffi system (Abu Dhabi's unified health database) or logs it into the official DoH system.

1. KG-G9: No personal electronic devices on school premises. Students need to bring either cash or a bank card if they want to purchase food from the canteen.
2. G10-G11: Personal electronic devices are handed to the supervisor at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day and put in their bags. Cannot be used during the day. Students need to bring either cash or a bank card if they want to purchase food from the canteen. Can use their phones once they are off the school premises. In practice, this means that phones should not be heard or seen in school, including the school courtyard, even after the final bell.
3. G12: Personal electronic devices can be kept in their bags (not trouser/jacket pockets). Not to be seen or heard. Can be used for NFT payments in the canteen. Must only take from the bag once they are in the canteen and return to the bag before leaving the canteen. Can use their phones once they are off the school premises. In practice, this means that phones should not be heard or seen in school, including the school courtyard, even after the final bell.

Consequences of non-adherence to the electronic devices policy.

No consequences will carry over to the next academic year. In practice, this will mean that each student starts from scratch (This excludes loss of phone privileges when moving to G11-G12).

Important Notice: Students must surrender personal electronic devices to any staff member upon request. Failure to do so will result in an external suspension. Bringing electronic devices to school is a privilege that can be rescinded at any time for any reason deemed appropriate by the administration. This revocation of privileges can apply to an individual, a group of students, a class, or an entire grade.

While fully aligned with MOE and ADEK frameworks, our electronic device policy prioritizes a restorative approach. We provide students with opportunities to reflect on their choices and correct their behavior while maintaining clear, structured consequences.

MOE Policy and ADEK recommendations

The overarching ADEK and UAE Ministry of Education policy mandates the following:

- **Total Ban:** Mobile phones and smartwatches are completely prohibited inside school premises to protect privacy, ensure safety, and eliminate distractions.
- **Confiscation Penalties:** Any phone seen or heard will be confiscated immediately. First-time offenses should result in the phone being held for one month, while repeated offenses mean the device is withheld until the end of the academic year.
- **Strict Inspection Rules:** Schools should conduct regular, respectful inspection campaigns of student bags and personal belongings.