



ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY:

INTERMEDIATE STUDENT

At Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy our vision is to provide students with the technology and the skills to enable them to construct knowledge and understanding by accessing information and by connecting with others through technology. This can lead to challenges and unexpected results, especially when using the Internet and social media. Since the Internet and social media are constantly changing and ungoverned, content available is difficult to filter. There are opportunities for students to view, create and distribute inappropriate material and to conduct themselves in ways that are undesirable. Students are to exercise judgment so that use of technology upholds the tenets and ethical standards of Islam.

Before a student is able to access technology while at school, the student and parent must agree to follow the regulations outlined in this policy.

This policy governs the use of technology including but not limited to computers, mobile devices, smart phones, software, networks, the Internet, online communications, and social media hereafter referred to as “Technology”, used by students while at school.

The use of Technology at AZIA is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of this privilege.

At all times, including when using Technology, behaviour befitting a Muslim is expected. Therefore:

Politeness is mandatory. Students should show the same standards of good taste whether sending or receiving messages. Avoid foul language and any other inappropriate or potentially offensive language.

Technology may not be used to threaten, intimidate, bully, or spread rumours about others. Student engagement in cyberbullying is a serious offense and will be dealt with as such. Students should immediately report to the teacher any messages or content received that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Technology use at school will be monitored.

Confidentiality is vital. For their protection, students must not disclose either their own or anyone else’s full name, address, telephone number or other personal information when using Technology.

Students will respect the privacy of others. Students must not attempt to discover anyone else’s password or other private information. Students should not disturb others as they work.

Students will not post photos, video or media to the Internet or on social media sites of other AZIA students without authorization from a teacher.

Students may not use school Technology for personal entertainment purposes. Non-educational games and other personal entertainment products are not to be used during school time. Students must access only Internet sites that are neither violent nor obscene. Students are required to exercise moral judgment regarding suitability of accessed materials and must immediately cease to view material which is not in accordance with the religious and ethical standards of AZIA. Websites may be blocked.

Students will leave the computer hardware and software in the same condition as it was found. Changing settings on computers without the permission of a teacher is prohibited.

Students will not install or attempt to install any software on a school device without the consent of the teacher.

Students may not use Technology to transmit any materials in violation of Canadian laws.

Students must avoid plagiarism and are required to give proper credit to all sources used assignments, whether quoted or summarized. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text.

Students will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt, harm or vandalize Technology at AZIA or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.

Hacking is a criminal act. Students may not violate, or attempt to violate, the security or integrity of the school's or other's Technology.

Food and drink are prohibited from use in the immediate vicinity of technological devices.

Students will exercise due care in handling and use of all Technology and agree to maintain such in good condition. Students may not take technological devices from the school premises.

AZIA recognizes that students may bring their own technological devices to school/work to help perform their work. In such cases, this use is subject to teacher approval and all aspects of this policy remain in force.

As per the Parent and Student Handbook, personal phones must be out of sight and turned off during school hours. Teachers may suspend this rule when allowing students to use personal phones to contribute to their learning.

Parents agree to defray replacement costs in case of loss or damage to school owned devices.

AZIA makes no guarantees about the reliability of Technology it provides and will not be responsible for any damages that may be incurred. AZIA will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers or causes. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk.



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For the Student:

I have read and understand the Acceptable Technology Use Policy and agree to follow it while using any Technology at Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy. I understand that not following this policy will lead to suspension of Technology privilege and possibly other disciplinary measures.

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

For the Parent/Guardian:

I acknowledge that my child/children agrees to the Acceptable Technology Use Policy at Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy. I will support AZIA in any necessary consequences that result from infraction of this policy by my child including paying for any damage caused by my child.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____