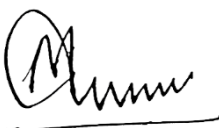




Model Private School

Digital Policy (ADEK-Aligned 2024–25)

Review Date:	March 2025		
Next Review Date:	March 2026		
Acting Principal	Mr. I J Nasari		
Signature		Date:	31-March-2025
MPS Board of Governors	Haji. Meethalakath Mehmood		
Signature		Date:	05-April-2025

Introduction

Model Private School, Abu Dhabi, is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and responsible digital learning environment. This Digital Policy outlines the school's approach to integrating technology into education while ensuring compliance with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) School Digital Policy, Version 1.1 (September 2024). It aims to promote responsible digital citizenship, online safety, and cybersecurity awareness among students, staff, and parents.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure the safe and effective use of technology to enhance learning outcomes.
- Foster digital literacy, creativity, and responsible technology use.
- Protect students and staff from online risks and inappropriate content.
- Ensure compliance with UAE data protection and cybersecurity regulations.
- Promote collaboration among school, parents, and the wider community in supporting digital wellbeing.

Technology Integration

Model Private School integrates technology into all aspects of teaching and learning. Digital tools, e-learning platforms, and educational software are used to enhance creativity, research, and communication. Teachers receive continuous professional development on technology integration, and students are encouraged to use digital tools for inquiry, collaboration, and innovation.

Responsible Digital Citizenship

The school promotes responsible digital behavior through awareness programs and digital citizenship lessons. Students learn about cyberbullying prevention, online safety, copyright and plagiarism, social media etiquette, and critical thinking. All members of the school community are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and demonstrate respect and responsibility online.

Online Safety and Cybersecurity

To protect students and staff from online risks, the school implements filtering and monitoring systems to restrict access to inappropriate content. Age-appropriate cybersecurity awareness sessions are conducted regularly. All users are trained on safe password practices, recognizing phishing attempts, and maintaining secure digital behavior.

The school ensures compliance with Federal Decree Law No. (45) of 2021 on the Protection of Personal Data and related cybersecurity frameworks. In the event of cybersecurity incidents, a response plan guides reporting, investigation, and resolution in coordination with ADEK and relevant authorities.

Data Protection and Privacy

Model Private School safeguards all personal data collected from students, parents, and staff. Data is stored securely, shared only with authorized entities, and processed in compliance with UAE data protection laws. Consent is obtained before capturing or publishing student photos, videos, or information online.

Responsible Use and Access

Students and staff are required to use school technology responsibly. Access to digital devices and networks is granted only for educational purposes. Personal devices under the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program must meet minimum security standards and follow school network guidelines.

Violations of the AUP, such as accessing restricted sites, misuse of school property, or cyberbullying, will result in disciplinary action. The school follows a restorative approach, focusing on awareness and behavioral improvement.

Parent and Community Engagement

The school works closely with parents and the community to promote responsible technology use. Parent workshops are organized to guide families on monitoring online activities and encouraging safe digital habits at home.

Digital Policy Committee

A Digital Policy Committee oversees the implementation, evaluation, and continuous improvement of this policy. The committee reviews the policy annually and recommends updates in line with evolving technologies and ADEK requirements.

Principal (Chair Person)
Head of IT
Curriculum Coordinator
Counselor
Teacher Representative
Parent Representative
Student Council Member

Review and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every academic year to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with ADEK's latest standards. Feedback from students, parents, and staff will be collected to improve implementation and promote a safe digital learning culture.

Conclusion

Model Private School, Abu Dhabi, is dedicated to preparing students for success in a rapidly evolving digital world. Through this policy, the school emphasizes responsible, safe, and innovative technology use to support holistic learning and wellbeing.

Reviewed and modified on: Monday, 31 March 2025
(to be implemented in the academic year 2025-2026)



Approved by: Principal – Model Private School

Effective Date: 5th April 2025

Review Cycle: Annual or upon new ADEK amendments