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# **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to promote responsible digital usage, prevent electronic addiction, and safeguard the physical, mental, and social well-being of students. It emphasizes balanced and mindful engagement with technology, guided by KHDA recommendations and international digital wellness standards. This policy aims to:

- Encourage healthy screen-time habits and responsible device usage.
- Prevent academic, emotional, and behavioral disruptions linked to excessive technology
- Support students in developing digital literacy, resilience, and self-regulation skills.

#### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all students of New Indian Model School, Dubai, covering:

- Use of digital devices for educational, recreational, or personal purposes.
- On-campus and off-campus activities, if device usage negatively impacts learning, well-being, or behavior.

#### 3. Definitions

- **Electronic Addiction:** Excessive or uncontrolled use of digital devices that disrupts academics, health, or social relationships.
- **Digital Wellness:** Balanced, responsible, and mindful engagement with technology that supports learning, health, and positive social connections.

# 4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Principal:** Ensures implementation of this policy and allocates resources for digital wellness programs.
- Teachers & Staff: Model responsible device usage, guide students on healthy habits, and monitor device use during school hours.
- Counselors: Identify and support students displaying signs of electronic addiction; provide tailored interventions.
- Students: Follow screen-time guidelines, balance online and offline activities, and report concerns to staff or counselors.
- Parents/Guardians: Monitor home device use, reinforce responsible habits, and encourage offline activities such as sports, hobbies, and family engagement.



#### 5. Acceptable Use & Guidelines

- Digital devices should be used **primarily for educational purposes** during school hours.
- Recreational use must be **limited and balanced** with physical activity, social interaction, and adequate sleep.
- Excessive, disruptive, or inappropriate usage may result in **temporary restrictions** or tailored intervention plans.

#### 6. Prevention & Education

To build long-term digital resilience, the school implements:

- Curriculum Integration: Digital wellness sessions incorporated into core subjects.
- **Student Workshops:** Covering healthy online habits, cyber safety, and digital mindfulness.
- **Parent Awareness Sessions:** Guidance on screen-time monitoring, device management, and family digital rules.
- Holistic Activities: Encouragement of offline engagement through sports, arts, cultural programs, and peer interactions.

#### 7. Identification & Intervention

- Teachers and counselors will observe and record **behavioral signs of device overuse**, such as irritability, fatigue, or academic decline.
- Identified students will receive **individualized counseling**, parental engagement, and tailored strategies to restore balance.
- Persistent or severe cases may involve:
  - Structured digital detox schedules.
  - o Temporary device restrictions.
  - o Referral to external specialists, if required.

## 8. Monitoring & Compliance

- Teachers will actively monitor device usage during school hours.
- Misuse or violation of guidelines may result in:
  - Restricted access to devices.
  - Additional counseling sessions.
  - Engagement of parents for home-based monitoring.
- Parents are expected to actively reinforce balanced screen-time habits at home.



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#### 9. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and counseling staff to ensure:

- Alignment with KHDA guidelines and UAE child protection standards.
- Continued relevance in addressing emerging digital platforms and student needs.
- Effectiveness in promoting digital wellness, healthy lifestyles, and academic success.

Any revisions will be communicated promptly to staff, students, and parents.

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