

Regulation for utilization of multimedia-based electronic devices at the German Embassy School Addis Ababa

(Attachment regarding house and recess rules paragraph 16)

Preamble

At DBSAA there is an atmosphere of mutual respect. We carry the responsibility of our actions; maintain politeness and honesty regarding ourselves and others.

Ringtones and also other vibration noises of muted phones disrupt every classroom and thereby disturb the focus of the entire class. The diverse possibilities of occupation pose a constant temptation to not engage with what is taught at school.

Text, pictures and videos that insult other people, threaten and hurt their integrity are easy to generate with electronic media and are rapidly shared via social media.

Specifically cell phones offer students a private setting which can barely be supervised by a parent or legal guardian and as a result has a large potential for mobbing.

In this context we would like to convey a conscious and responsible use of multimedia-based electronic devices for all that take part in school life.

Following Targets should be achieved by this regulation:

- Avoidance of disruption in class
- Vitalization and promotion of conversation culture during recess
- Prevention of consumption and exchange of criminal content such as prohibited videos and videos that promote violence
- Protection of privacy and ensuring of personal rights (prevention of cyber-bullying)

Our regulations are:

1. The respective device can be brought to school at your own risk, but can only be used during lunch break and after school. Generally, after school means after 10th period, at 04:15 PM, when afternoon care has also ended (closure of library).
2. The respective device, as well as gadgets (e.g. headphones), remains in the school bag and is switched off for the entire duration of class unless the utilization is allowed by a teacher for school purposes or in an emergency situation.
3. During school events, e.g. excursions and trips, the supervising teachers determine how to deal with the electronic devices.
4. The utilization of school devices (computer, printer, etc.) is limited to handling subjects relating to class and demands the presence of an administrator or teacher. The guidelines for utilization of IT equipment at DBSAA are applicable.
5. The playback, exchange and recording of pictures, videos and voice recordings on school grounds are only permitted with a prior approval by the head of school. In cases of reasonable suspicion, the school reserves the right to review and copy information that is saved on electronic devices and/or cell phones to ensure that there is no offensive or hurtful communication, specifically no pornographic material or cyber-bullying exchanged and/or conveyed between students.

6. The school is not liable for the damage or loss of devices including gadgets, e.g. headphones.

7. The respective device will be withheld by a teacher if a violation of one of the regulations occurs and deposited at the school secretary's office. It can be picked up there by a parent or legal guardian. In case of repetition (3x), the device has to be picked up at the head of school.

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