

DINWIDDIE HIGH SCHOOL

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR LEARNERS

The policy refers to Cellphones, Laptop Computers, i-Pods, MP3 players and any other electronic devices. Dinwiddie High recognizes that electronic devices are an integral part of social and educational, and that Cellphones in particular are a means of security for many children. In view of the preceding notion, Dinwiddie High will allow learners to be in possession of electronic devices during school hours, or at any school related-function, provided the provisions below are adhered to at all times.

1. Dinwiddie High its associates or governance cannot be held responsible for the loss/theft or damage to any such electronic device.
2. Learners will not be in possession of Cellphones including their accessories, Laptop Computers, i-Pods, MP3 players during Examinations/Assessments, unless authorized by the educator. While the school may attempt to safeguard Cellphones including their accessories, Laptop Computers, i-Pods, MP3 players during such times, Dinwiddie High reiterates that it will not be held responsible for loss/theft or damage to devices in question.
3. It is the learner's responsibility to ensure that his/her Cellphones including their accessories, Laptop Computers, Tablet, i-Pods, Ipad, MP3 player(s) is/are secure at all times.

USAGE OF DEVICES

1. Learners are not allowed to respond to calls or communication of any kind during teaching and learning/or organized activities.
2. Learners may not make calls, send SMS's and/or communicate on the social media (all type of social media communication) during teaching periods or organized activities, unless such use is authorized by the educator in charge.
3. All Cellphones including their accessories, Laptop Computers, i-Pods, MP3 players must be off during teaching and learning including change of periods.

4. Tablet(s) may be used during teaching and learning as a teaching and learning aid, it must not be used to record any activity without the educator's permission and/or, communicate on social media nor communicate with anyone during teaching and learning.
5. Tablet(s) must be charged at home.

Transgressions of any of the above will result in the electronic device (Cellphones including their accessories, Laptop Computers, i-Pods, MP3 players) being confiscated by educators. The confiscated device(s) will be released in five (5) school days after the learner/parent/guardian has paid R250-00 to the finance officer of the school and issued with a receipt for the device. Dinwiddie High cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to devices under confiscation. **All confiscated items must be collected at the administration front office and the person collecting must produce a receipt and identification (ID/Birth Certificate/Learner card/Driver's Licence).** When learners are writing CAT Examination, the school will provide desktop/Laptop Computers.

CONTENT

1. Taking photographs, recording or videos of an obscene nature, or sending such content, is prohibited.
2. Dealing with pornographic downloads:
 - 2.1 The Cinema and Publication Act and the Sexual Offences Act make it an offence for a person under the age of eighteen (18) to:
 - View pornography
 - Be in possession of pornography
 - Download pornography off the internet
 - Expose another person(Learner) under the age of eighteen (18) to pornography and;
 - Enter a licensed premise(s) where pornography is legally sold

- 2.2 Distribution of pornography at school is a criminal offence.**
- 2.3 Learner(s) who commit offences listed above, such a learner(s) will be subjected to disciplinary procedures for serious misconduct, under the School's Code of Conduct. In the case of a guilty verdict, the learner will be excluded (Expelled) from this school.**
- 2.4 Please note that it is a criminal offence to expose a minor under the age of eighteen to pornography.**
- 3. Pornographic content, erotic, bad language, sexually explicit drawings or cartoons, inflammatory, racist or sexist related content on any device is not allowed under any circumstances. If a learner is suspected of using an electronic device contrary to these conditions, such a learner will be subjected to disciplinary procedures for misconduct, under the School's Code of Conduct. In the case of a guilty verdict, such a learner will be excluded (Expelled) from the school.**
 - 4. Crude or socially unacceptable content may not be stored on the electronic device.**
 - 5. Crude or unacceptable sounds, text or graphics will not be tolerated.**
 - 6. Learners will be held responsible for all content stored in their electronic devices at all times and no excuses will be accepted for unacceptable content.**
 - 7. A learner in possession of an electronic device belonging to another person/learner without permission of the rightful owner of the device(s) will be deemed to be in possession of stolen equipment. The said equipment will be handed over to the police for further investigation and the learner(s) will be subjected to disciplinary hearing and in the case of a guilty verdict, such a learner will be excluded (Expelled) from the school.**
 - 8. The corrective measure for theft is exclusion (Expulsion) from school at any other given period (including during examination period).**

Dinwiddie High encourages parents/guardian to ensure that all electronic devices are used in a responsible and appropriate manner. We also accept no responsibility for any health related matters that are possibly associated with the use or misuse of electronic devices.