

Mobile Phone Policy of International School of Bydgoszcz valid for the PYP, MYP and DP

In ISoB, we believe in encouraging open-minded, tolerant behaviour in our students along with developing social and communicative skills. In order to develop these skills, we believe that using mobile phones during the break is not appropriate as this is a solitary activity, the excessive use of which significantly handicaps social relationships. We strongly recommend that the students socialize with their peers and talk to them instead of playing on the phones.

- Mobile phones are banned during all school hours, including breaks, for grades G0 through G5. The phones should be kept in the lockers during school hours, including Common Room and Library time.
- MYP and DP students can use mobile phones at the teachers' discretion during a lesson (ex. to access assignments and files in the Managebac).
- It is not allowed to use electronic gadgets, especially mobile phones and smart watches on the school premises to tease, bully, record or take photos of others without their consent.
- **It is not allowed to use mobile phones on the school premises while waiting for the lessons or for pick-up from school by parents/guardians.**
- All material recorded on the school premises cannot be used on social media without authorization of the Principal or Coordinators.
- The school recommends that special parental control applications be installed on their child's phone to control the content visited on the Internet. The school does not take responsibility for what webpages students visit outside the classroom.
- The school does not take responsibility for lost or damaged equipment which is brought to school.
- Teachers have the right to confiscate a phone till the end of the school day in case of its misuse.
- The consequences for misusing technology during school hours range from behaviour notes put on the Managebac to an official reprimand by the Principal, lowering the behaviour grade or terminating the contract of education in ISOB in cases of severe violation of the school policies and its mission statement.
- On school trips, mobile phones are allowed at the discretion of the supervising teachers (depending on the circumstances and the students' conduct).