



HASSERIS GYMNASIUM & SCHOOL



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Principles for the use of screens in teaching situations
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At Hasseris Gymnasium & IB World School we strive to create space for teaching and learning, focus and concentration, in a school world in which IT is both a valuable teaching and learning tool, but can also be the opposite - a disruptive element in the classroom.

Therefore, we have developed a number of principles for the ways in which screens should be used in the classroom to create space for teaching and learning. Through these principles, we want to address the part of our students' digital education which concerns the appropriate use of IT in teaching situations.

The principles are based on the report from Danish Ministry of Children and Education, "Screen use in upper secondary education: Recommendations for handling digital distraction and balanced use of digital devices" (2023), which is fundamentally based on two primary issues in relation to the use of screens in teaching:

1. Managing digital distraction in the classroom.
There is a risk that students lose concentration and get distracted during class time by spending time on streaming, social media, shopping, gaming, etc.
2. Creating and maintaining an appropriate balance between analogue and digital-based learning.
Digital devices are used based on a conscious pedagogical and didactic choice which supports the best possible learning in the classroom.

At Hasseris Gymnasium & IB World School we address these two issues through the following principles for the use of screens in teaching:

- The teacher decides when to use IT in the classroom, and the teacher is responsible for enforcing the principles for IT in the classroom.
- Screens are only used in the classroom when it is didactically and pedagogically appropriate.
- Mobile phones must be placed in a mobile phone locker in each classroom at the beginning of the lesson and collected again at the end of the lesson. The phones must be switched off when they are returned. Flight mode is not sufficient.
- Smartwatches must be on flight mode during class.
- At the beginning of the lesson, all computers are closed and must only be opened when the teacher deems it necessary.
- All students must use the school's wifi during class. It is not allowed to use vpn connections or otherwise hide one's identity or traffic.
- On the school wifi, access to non-relevant websites is blocked through the school firewall to gaming, streaming, shopping and social media.

FAQ

How to collect students' mobile phones at the beginning of the lesson:

At the beginning of the module, students place their mobile phones in the mobile locker. This is done by placing the mobile phone by the number they have on the attendance list in Lectio. Once the students have placed the mobile phone in the mobile locker, the teacher keeps a record of absences by registering the empty spaces in the mobile locker. The teacher must ensure that this is done before the beginning of every lesson.

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What to do with mobile phone drop-off when students are late?

Students place their mobile phone in the locker when they enter the room, alternatively they hand it to the teacher who will place the mobile phone in the locker.

What to do when students cannot hand in their mobile phone because they are expecting a call from their doctor, parent etc.?

If it is a student who needs to contact a doctor during the doctor's phone hours (typically between 8 and 9 am), or if something out of the ordinary has happened, the teacher will make a pragmatic and temporary arrangement with the student. All other enquiries and appointments must wait until the breaks and lunchtime - or after school. If the same student repeatedly wants to talk to doctors and psychologists during school hours, the teacher refers the student to the school management.

Can students get their mobile phones if there is a short break in the module?

No, they cannot. The mobile phones must remain in the locker until the end of the module.

What to do with students who have two mobile phones and only hand in one?

The teacher confiscates both mobile phones and returns them to the front office. The student can then pick up the mobile phones at the end of the school day and will be called in for an interview and possible sanction by the school management in accordance with the school's Rules of Conduct.

What to do with students who need to use their mobile phones to shop in the canteen?

As payment in the canteen, mobile phones can only be used for payment during breaks between modules. Otherwise, the students need to get a debit card or bring cash.

What if the teacher leaves the classroom?

Mobile phones remain in the locker, and the teacher is responsible for locking the locker.

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