

## Policy on WiFi and Cell Phone Use for the Upper School of the German International School Washington D.C.

### Goal:

The Policy on WiFi and Cell Phone Use is designed to ensure that mobile devices are used in an appropriate and productive manner while connected to the school's WiFi and to provide a distraction-free learning environment.

### 1. Use of the school's WiFi network:

The WiFi network provided by GISW is solely to be used for educational purposes and may only be used via the school-issued iPads.

Students agree to only use the school's WiFi for educational and research purposes.

### 2. Use of Cell Phones:

The students of grades 5-12 may only use their cell phones in the parking lot after school lets out. Until then, they must keep their cell phones turned off and in their school bag. The following rules apply if a student's cell phone is confiscated for not adhering to this policy:

- First offence: the student may pick up their cell phone at the reception desk of the main building at the end of the school day.
- Second offence: the student may pick up their cell phone at the office of the Head of School at the end of the school day.
- Third offence: the student may pick up their cell phone at the office of the Head of School while accompanied by a parent at the end of the school day.

For students of the Upper Level (Grades 10-12) the following exceptions apply: they may use their cell phones in room 127 (Upper-Level Room) and in the library but not in the classroom, unless instructed to do so by their teacher for educational purposes.

For the duration of class exams or tests all cell phones and smart watches will be collected by the teacher.

The use of cell phones and iPads in the cafeteria and in the recess areas is not allowed to promote social interaction during recess.

### 3. Authorized use for educational purposes:

Students may only use mobile devices in class if instructed to do so by their teacher.

Any use of mobile devices for educational purposes is at the teacher's discretion.

#### 4. Accountability:

GISW Teachers and the School Leadership Team reserve the right to confiscate mobile devices or to restrict the use of the school WiFi to any student who does not adhere to this policy.

#### 5. Consequences:

Consequences for not adhering to the Policy on WiFi and Cell Phone Use include, but are not limited to, warnings, the temporary restriction of WiFi privileges or other pedagogical consequences.

The school counts on its students adhering to the Policy on WiFi and Cell Phone use, to ensure a productive learning environment for all. These guidelines may be updated, if needed.