Learning with Technology

Middle School Expectations

2025/2026

Dear Families,

In the Middle School at AIS, we use a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program that requires the use of a laptop. All students will use laptops to write when researching, creating, and documenting their schoolwork.

Technology in classes is driven by learning and students are expected to use their devices only for educational purposes. Below you will find the technology guidelines as well as advice on how to support them in practicing some of the skills they will need in Middle School. ***Please note that student cell phones are not an acceptable replacement or substitute for a laptop.***

Device and Accessories		
Device recommendations: • a laptop (MacBook or Windows) **Accessories:** • Working charger with a 3-pin plug • A bag which can safely carry their laptop • Personal headphones	Device Specifications - Recommended Minimum	
	Windows Laptop	**MacBook**
	I5 processor 11 generation or above	M1 or above
	8GB RAM	8GB RAM
	256GB (SDD Recommended)	256GB (SSD or NVMe)
	Most recent Windows (**Updated**)	Most recent IOS (**Updated**)

Internet Access

Internet access is important as it allows your child to share work with their teacher, classmates, families, do research, and more. Our clean filtered internet enables safe access to approved content when students are connected to school wi-fi.

Classroom teachers will assist students with connecting to the wi-fi once payment has been made. Students who were previously connected using the same device will automatically reconnect at the beginning of the school year.

Personal cell phone hotspots will not be permitted at any time.

Software, Email and Passwords

Your child will need to access **Microsoft Office 365** with their school email account.

All Office 365 applications (Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) are available online. Students can login through by clicking the Office 365 icon in the Student Section of the AIS website at
https://www.ais.edu.kw/students/

Email addresses and passwords for Office 365 can be found by visiting the Parents AIS Hub at
https://parents.ais.edu.kw

Key Skills to Practice

Using the laptop:
- ☐ Can your child check they are connected to the internet?
- ☐ Can your child open Microsoft Teams, Word, Power Point and Excel?
- ☐ Can your child access their username and password in Plus Portals?
- ☐ Can your child sign into their school email account?
- ☐ Can your child access Office 365 tutorials here?