



Bnos Malka Academy

Providing Quality and Individualized Jewish Education to the Girls of Queens

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Internet & Technology Policy

At Bnos Malka, we have set forth policies to foster an environment of safety and growth for our students with regards to technology use. The use of technology is constantly changing and evolving, therefore this document will evolve and change as necessary. The document is meant to address two issues: A) Your child's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being and B) Your child's mental stamina and ability to concentrate and focus. **Failure to comply with these policies will result in suspension from Bnos Malka until the issue is resolved to the satisfaction of the school.**

Policies:

Electronic Devices at Home:

1. Students may not own personal devices.
2. All devices used by students must have a filter in place.
3. Devices can only be utilized in a public area.
4. Homes need to have central charging stations.
5. Students may not be on social media (You Tube, Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, snapchat, etc.)
6. Parental supervision and involvement with student Internet use is necessary:
 - A. Have a discussion with your child about Internet etiquette and safety. (Recognize that in most instances anyone can see their posts, identify their location, and share it with anyone even if the account has been marked as private.)
 - B. Parents must maintain access to usernames and passwords of children's accounts and establish a routine of checking in on emails and text messages
 - C. Parents must monitor what their children are viewing and accessing including videos, gaming, and other internet users
 - D. Parents must set limits to amounts of time that children are using devices
 - E. Parents must set a technology shutoff time that is age appropriate. Understandably no devices should be present in a child's room at bedtime.
 - F. The internet is changing and evolving daily, parents must exercise constant good judgment in evaluating new media and devices
 - G. Parents must model proper Internet use. (Do as I do not as I say.)

7. We expect our students to understand that anything posted on the Internet is public as well as permanent.
- A. Appropriate language (language you would be ok with your mother, teacher, or principal seeing) must be used at all times.
 - B. Pictures must reflect the same standard of modesty expected when walking down the street.
 - C. Students may not post pictures containing any other students in our school without consent from the other child's parent.
 - D. Rules of inclusion as well as zero tolerance for bullying apply on the Internet as well.
 - 1. Be careful about the comments that you make about your friends to them or about them.
 - 2. Before clicking, think if you would say the words to their face.
 - 3. Creating a group chat to talk about another friend would be considered a lack of inclusion.
 - 4. Disinviting a friend from a group chat would also be considered a lack of inclusion.

Breaches of the policies listed above may result in suspension or expulsion from Bnos Malka depending on the circumstance and severity. Please explain to your child that they should alert you if one of the above policies are being broken. We ask that parents contact the administration when a breach of the policy is brought to their attention.

Electronic Devices at School:

At Bnos Malka, we believe that when students bring electronic devices to school, it detracts from the learning and changes the environment that we strive to create. Therefore, all devices should remain at home. Devices seen in school, on the bus or at after-school programming will be taken by an administrator and returned directly to the child's parent. Any devices required as part of your child's education during the school day will be provided by the school. Smart Watches are not allowed.

Middle School Only: Middle school students will be allowed to carry a flip phone in their bag for use **in case of an emergency on their way to and from school**. The phone must be off during the entire school day and must be stowed in the student's bag at school as well as on the bus.

Electronic Devices on Trips

All trips will be device free. Phones, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, and other devices need to remain at home. Cameras are the only devices that may be allowed with permission of the classroom teacher.

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