CISA
Cedars International School of Angola

CISA Digital Learning & Technology Integration Policy

1. Policy Statement

Cedars International School of Angola (CISA) is a fully digital international school committed to delivering high-quality, future-ready education through the effective integration of technology. Digital tools are used to enhance learning, support inquiry, and develop essential 21st-century skills while maintaining strong academic standards and student well-being.

2. Philosophy

At CISA, technology is:

- A tool for learning, not a replacement for teaching
- A means to support inquiry, collaboration, and creativity
- A platform to develop independent, responsible, and reflective learners

The school ensures that digital learning aligns with:

- IB philosophy (inquiry, agency, reflection)
- Cognia standards (continuous improvement, student-centered learning)

3. Digital Learning Environment

CISA operates a fully digital model, including:

- Student use of iPads with digital pencils
- Teacher use of connected devices and smart screens
- Integration of platforms such as:
    - Microsoft 365 (OneDrive, Teams)
    - ManageBac / Toddle
    - Digital libraries (e.g., myON)

All teaching, learning, communication, and assessment are supported through these systems.

4. Pedagogical Approach

Technology is used to:

- Support inquiry-based and student-centered learning
- Enable collaboration and communication
- Facilitate formative and summative assessment
- Provide differentiated and personalized learning experiences

Teachers center of teaching process ensuring:

- Structured lessons
- Active engagement
- Meaningful use of digital tools

5. Balanced Learning Approach

CISA recognizes the importance of balance in a digital environment:

- Students engage in:
  - Discussion-based learning
  - Oral presentations
  - Collaborative activities
- Deep learning is promoted through:
  - Structured reading strategies
  - Writing tasks (digital and, where appropriate, handwritten)

Technology supports—not replaces—cognitive development.

6. Digital Well-being and Health

CISA is committed to student well-being by ensuring:

- Regular screen breaks during lessons
- Awareness of posture and ergonomics
- Management of screen time intensity
- Promotion of healthy digital habits

Teachers guide students in maintaining focus and avoiding distraction.

7. Responsible Use of Technology

All members of the school community are expected to:

- Use devices for academic purposes during school hours
- Demonstrate respect, responsibility, and integrity online
- Follow school guidelines on digital behavior and communication

Misuse of technology is addressed through school procedures aligned with the Academic Integrity Policy.

8. Data Protection and Security

CISA ensures:

- Secure use of school platforms and accounts

- Protection of student data and privacy
- Controlled access to digital resources. All students Ipads are protected by a restriction program to prevent acess to any un approriate sites, during all the academic year.

Students and parents cannot resist this condition for the safty of the academic process.

9. Teacher Professional Development

CISA provides ongoing training to ensure teachers:

- Effectively integrate technology into teaching
- Use digital tools for assessment and feedback
- Apply innovative and inquiry-based strategies

10. Monitoring and Evaluation

The effectiveness of digital learning is monitored through:

- Student performance data
- Teacher observations and feedback
- Platform usage analytics
- Parent and student feedback

The policy is reviewed annually as part of CISA's continuous improvement process.

11. Action Plan for Implementation

- Maintain full integration of digital platforms across all subjects
- Provide continuous teacher training in digital pedagogy
- Monitor student engagement and performance through digital tools
- Strengthen digital well-being practices
- Review and improve systems based on data and feedback

12. Conclusion

CISA's digital learning model prepares students for a rapidly evolving world by combining:

- Academic rigor
- Technological competence
- Ethical responsibility

Technology at CISA enhances learning while preserving the core values of education: **thinking, understanding, and growth**.