DMA Guide for Parents/Guardians:

Option B

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Introduction

In today's digital age, personal learning devices (PLDs) have become an integral part of education. While these devices offer immense opportunities for learning and growth, it is crucial to ensure they are used safely and responsibly during school hours, while also allowing for more freedom outside of school. This is where our Device Management Application (DMA) comes in.

Option B of our DMA is designed to provide a structured digital environment during school hours while offering more flexibility outside of school. It features:

1. Adherence to school-set rules during school hours (which are defined by the school), ensuring your child's/ward's focus on learning.
2. No restrictions after school hours, allowing for more independent and flexible device use.
3. No enforced sleep hours, giving you and your child/ward the freedom to manage rest times as you see fit.

This guide will walk you through the features of Option B, to help you understand how it works to create a balanced digital environment that combines school-time structure with after school flexibility.

By choosing this option, you are taking an important step in supporting your child's/ward's educational needs during school hours while also fostering their ability to manage their own device use responsibly outside of school.

Section 1: What is Lightspeed Systems

The mission of Lightspeed Systems is "Helping school communities provide safe, secure, and equitable education."

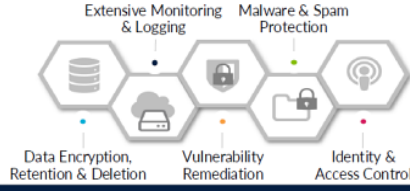Lightspeed Systems has presence in more than 42 countries, serving more than 31 thousand schools.

Lightspeed Systems is a certified Google Cloud Partner, among other partnerships with major technology and device providers, and is aligned with industry leaders and standards for data privacy and interoperability.

Section 2: After-School DMA Parent Options – Option B

This guide is for parents/guardians who have selected **Option B** for your child's/ward's PLD.

This option is for parents/guardians who do not want your child's/ward's use of the PLD after school hours to be regulated by the DMA at all. This essentially allows your child/ward to sign in to his/her PLD using his/her personal Google account which will allow unrestricted access to the internet and applications. All browsing activities on the PLD using the personal Google account will not be logged. It is important to note that by not logging browsing activities, the DMA will not be able to provide any web content filtering for your child/ward.

Under Option B, there will also not be any sleep hours set on the PLD, which allows your child/ward unrestricted access throughout the night. Your child/ward will be also able to install any applications from the Play Store or extensions from the Chrome Web Store after school hours. These applications and extensions will only be accessible when your child/ward is signed in to their personal Google account after school hours.

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Protects students from objectionable content	Web content filtering during school hours includes, but not limited to, the following categories: • Violent/extremist content • Sexual/pornographic content • Gambling-related content No content filtering at all after school hours.
Reduce distractions from learning through control of applications	Parents/Guardians and/or students will be able to install additional applications after school hours. To note: • The installation of applications would have to be done via the parent's/guardian's/student's personal Google account. • Applications installed by parents/guardians and/or students after school hours will not be accessible during school hours as they are installed on the personal Google account.
Limit screen time	No screen time restrictions after school hours.

Section 3: DMA Features

3.1 Webfiltering

During school hours, your child's/ward's PLD will be protected by the webfilter put in place by Lightspeed Systems. If your child/ward visits an undesirable site, the following block screen will appear.
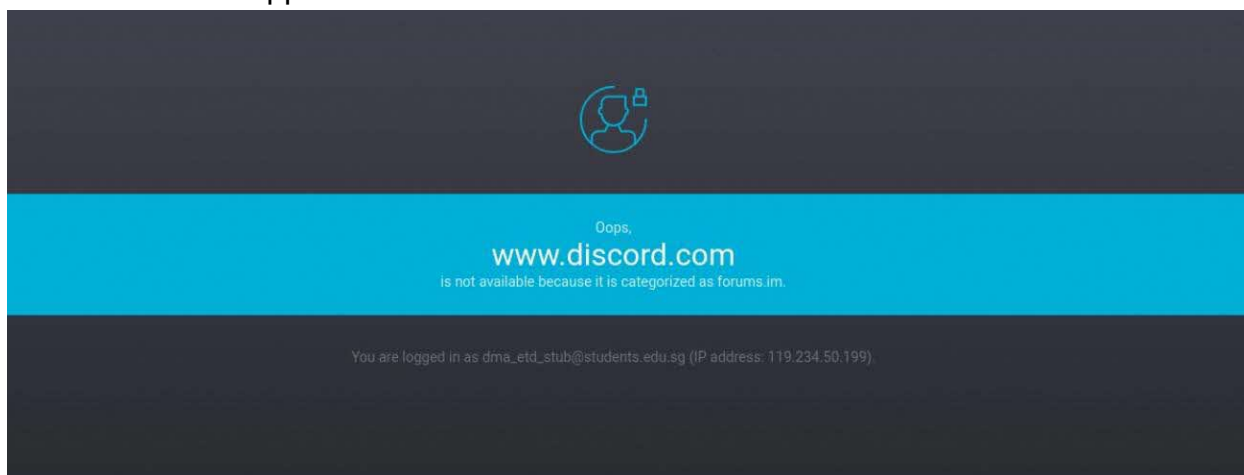
There will be no webfiltering in place when signed-in using the personal Google account **after school hours**. Refer to Section 4 for more information on accessing the personal Google account.

3.2 Application Control

Your child/ward will not have access to the Chrome Web Store nor the Google Play Store on the Student iCON account.

To install any additional extensions and/or applications, your child/ward has to do it via the personal Google account **after school hours**. Refer to Section 4 for more information on accessing the personal Google account.

These extensions and/or applications will not be visible **during school hours** as the personal Google account will not be accessible then.

Section 4: Accessing Personal Account

During **school hours**, your child/ward is only able to sign in to their PLD using their Student iCON Account. The Student iCON account ends with **@students.edu.sg**
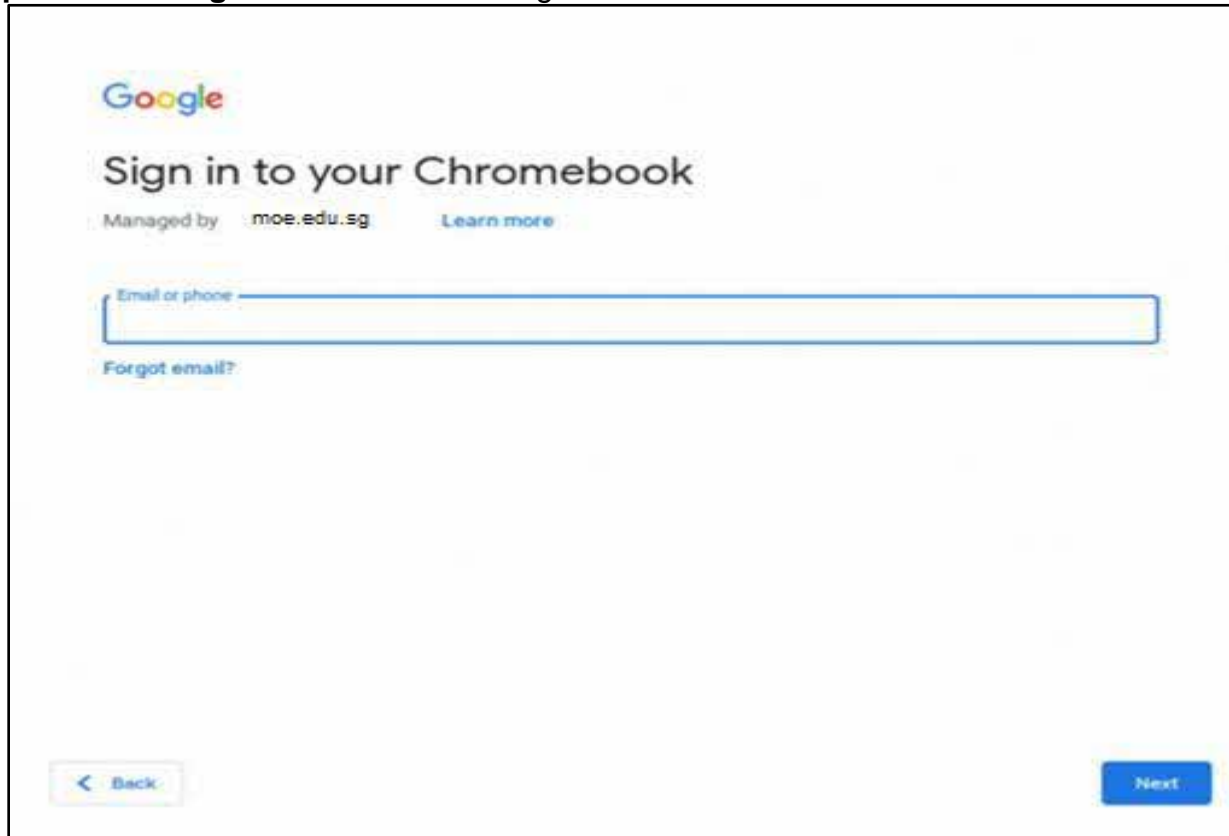
After school hours, your child/ward will be able to **sign out** from their Student iCON account and sign in using a personal Google account.

At the sign in page, your child/ward can use the **"Add Person"** to sign in with their personal Google account and follow the on-screen instructions.
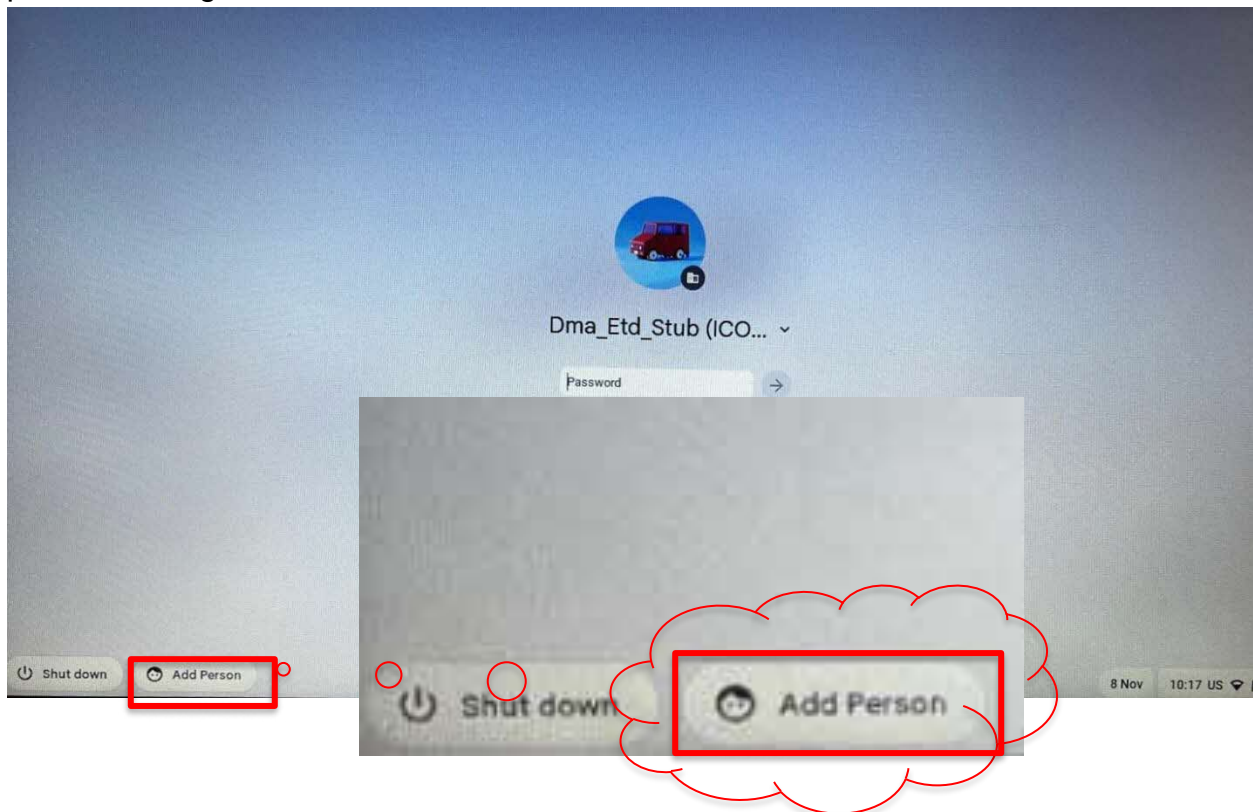
Upon clicking on the "**Add Person**" option, your child/ward is now able to enter any **personal Google email** address to sign in.

The PLD can now be used with no browsing history logged, web filter or sleep hour. Students can also access the Play Store or Chrome Web Store to install applications or extensions. When school hours kick in next day, the personal Google account will not be visible and your child/ward will have to sign in using the Student iCON Account for use in school.

It is important to be aware that spending an excessive amount of time using devices is unhealthy and that it is important to monitor your child's/ward's device usage after school hours to ensure they maintain a healthy balance of age-appropriate activities. You can refer to the Parenting for Wellness toolbox (https://go.gov.sg/pfw-toolbox-for-parents) for strategies and tips.

If you have other questions, including changing of after-school DMA Parent Options, please contact the respective school's DMA Admin.