

Time-zone cheating during examinations necessitates a strict approach to the supervision of students throughout the examination session. The TGS protocol is provided in the context of IB guidance as detailed below.

Minimum supervision period:

The IB state:

‘Regardless of the length of the exam, a minimum supervision period of two hours is required. For example, if a student has a single exam scheduled for one hour within an AM or PM slot, they must still be supervised for a minimum of two hours from the start of the examination. This supervision can either continue in the exam venue, or another dedicated supervision space in the school where paper-based study notes are permitted.’

Supervision period guidelines:

The following are guidelines provided by the IB to aid clarity in the approach to supervision.

1. Examinations under two hours

If the total exam duration (morning or afternoon session) is less than two hours, candidates must remain supervised until the two-hour mark has passed.

2. Consecutive examinations exceeding two hours

If a candidate has two or more exams with a combined duration exceeding two hours, and they are completed consecutively without a rest break, supervision is not required after the exams.

3. Rest breaks between examinations

If a rest break is scheduled between exams, candidates must be supervised during the break.

TGS Protocol

For any examination session of less than two hours duration:

1. Students will leave their devices in a secure (locked) and monitored place in the IBarn (IB2) and will not be allowed to return to them until after the supervision period is over.
2. At the end of the examination/s (completed within two hours of the IB specified start time) students to be directed to the IBarn for supervised study. Students to be permitted to use paper resources for revision but no access to any electronic device.

3. At the end of the two hours examination/supervision period, students will be permitted access to electronic devices to support study. No further supervision required.
4. The above protocol also pertains to afternoon examination sessions following a morning examination/supervision session.
5. Refer to example 1 below for the guidance for students taking two examinations without a break.
6. Refer to example 2 below for the guidance for students taking a break between papers. Supervision will be in the IBarn.
7. Example 3 below provides the context for the protocol for students for whom the total examination time is less than two hours.

Appendix: Examples of supervision requirements.

Example 1:

A candidate is sitting for one 45 minute exam followed immediately by one 1 hour 30minute exam in the morning, with no break in between. The total exam time exceeds two hours, so no further supervision is required after the exams are completed.

Example 2:

A candidate is sitting for one 45 minute exam and one 1h30 minute exam but is offered a break between the two papers. In this case, the candidate must be supervised during the break. The total exam time exceeds two hours, so no further supervision is required after the exams are completed.

Example 3:

A candidate is sitting for one (or more) exams in the morning where the total exam time does not exceed two hours. For instance, if a 45minute exam starts at 9.00 AM, the candidate must remain supervised until at least 11.00 AM, even after the exam is completed.