

BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT) PROGRAM

The District recognizes the importance of technology and the educational benefits available through the use of technology. The use of portable electronic devices in the classroom can add educational value when such devices deliver content and extend, enhance or reinforce the student learning process. Classroom teachers determine the appropriateness of in-class use of electronic devices, consistent with district instructional objectives, and with approval of the building principal.

For purposes of Bring Your Own Technology, "Technology" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic devices that can be used for educational purposes by or under the direction of a classroom teacher.

All personal electronic devices must be used in a responsible, and legal manner. Staff or students using their own devices are subject to the District Acceptable Use Policy and guidelines, Board approved BYOT guidelines, all other Board policies and procedures, including but not limited to the staff handbook or student code of conduct as specified in each building's handbook. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices and/or disciplinary action as appropriate.

BYOT activities are implemented at the discretion of classroom teachers and building administrators. Staff and students using their own electronic devices may access only the wireless Internet provided by the District. The District provided Internet access is filtered in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Internet access from outside sources, including, but not limited to, cellular phone data plans or mobile hot spots is not permitted on school grounds in order to promote safe, filtered Internet access.

Violations of any Board policies, regulations, or school rules involving a personal electronic device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect personal electronic devices if there is reason to believe that the user has violated Board policies, regulations, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal electronic device. Any search will be conducted in compliance with Board policies.

Guidelines

The use of an approved personal electronic device is a privilege, and users may be denied access at any time. Staff or students wishing to participate in the Bring your Own Technology program must comply with the following guidelines and procedures.

1. Individuals must abide by the District Acceptable Use Policy and Regulations, and are subject to all code of conduct restrictions and disciplinary consequences relating to use or misuse of technology.
2. Individuals are responsible for ensuring the safety of their own personal devices. The District is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of a device. Investigations will be handled per administrative discretion.

3. District staff have the discretion to allow and regulate the student use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
4. Approved devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes, such as but not limited to, making personal calls and text/instant messaging.
5. Approved devices must be in silent mode while on school grounds, unless otherwise allowed by a staff member.
6. Individuals may not use devices to capture, record, transmit or post audio, video or photos of other students, faculty, or staff, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher or school official.
7. Individuals are not to use the device in a manner that is disruptive to the educational environment.
8. Staff, students and parents/guardians acknowledge that the school's network filters will be applied to a device's connection to the Internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
9. Individuals are responsible for servicing their personal electronic devices. The District will not service, repair or maintain any non-district owned technology brought to, and used at school.
10. Individuals are prohibited from bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a virus, trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
11. Individuals are prohibited from processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking," altering, or bypassing network security policies.
12. Individuals should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. The District does not guarantee connectivity or quality of connection with personal devices.

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LEGAL REFS: U.S. Const. Art. I, Section 8
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 20 USC 1232g et seq.
Children's Internet Protection Act; 47 USC 254 (h)(5)(b)(iii); (P.L. 106-554,
HR 4577, 2000, 114 Stat 2763)
ORC 3313.20
3319.321

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination
ACA, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
ACAA, Sexual Harassment

EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
GBCB, Staff Conduct
GBH, Staff-Student Relations (Also JM)
IB, Academic Freedom
IIA, Instructional Materials
IIBH, District Websites
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
JFCK, Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students
JFG, Interrogations and Searches
Staff Handbooks
Student Handbooks