

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.

All personal electronic devices must be used in a responsible, and legal manner. 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 student code of conduct. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices in the classroom and/or disciplinary action as appropriate.

The following personal electronic devices are approved:
(Customize to reflect district-approved devices)

1. Laptop computers
2. Tablet PCs
3. iPads
4. E-readers
5. Cell phones with WiFi connection only!

Students at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels are permitted to use approved personal electronic devices for educational purposes under the direction of a classroom teacher.

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 allowing for 3G or 4G access is not permitted on school grounds in order to promote safe, filtered Internet access.

BYOT activities are implemented at the discretion of classroom teachers and building administrators. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device may be provided access to an appropriate district-owned digital device.

“Violations of any Board policies, regulations, or school rules involving a student’s personal electronic device may result in the loss of use of the devices in school and/or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect a student’s personal electronic device when the school has a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated Board policies, regulations, school rules, or the law, including instances in which the student has engaged in misconduct while using their personal electron devise. Any search will be conducted in compliance with Board policies and the law.”

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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)
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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

NOTE: Districts who are implementing a BYOT program should work with appropriate stakeholders to address:

- *Digital equity and access to devices*
- *Infrastructure requirements*
- *Building specific guidelines*

It is important to reference and ensure compliance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements as referenced in EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety).

The district should state specifically in the policy what grade levels the program is for and what devices specifically are permitted.