

Eastern Lancaster County School District

Bring Your Own Technology Device Responsible Use Guidelines

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, mobile devices provide many new and positive educational benefits for learning or provide advantages for student needs as an assistive technology. Therefore, the Eastern Lancaster County School District has decided to implement a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) on a case by case basis. Students with exceptionalities are encouraged, on a case by case basis, to bring their own technology devices to assist in their learning experiences. This document is an agreement which the district will adhere to as we establish this new program within the district. Please note that students with exceptionalities who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the district's equipment. No student will be left out of our instruction.

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOD, "Technology" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held device that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The district is not liable for any device stolen or damages on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other mobile device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy 814). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The district is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.

- The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.
- The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the mobile device or close the screen.
- The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student understands that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.
- The student understands that any information communicated over the district’s network and internet access is not confidential and is subject to monitoring for all purposes deemed by the technology department. There is no expectation to privacy when a student uses the school’s network and internet access.
- The student will not use their mobile device during lunch time in the cafeteria or other times specified by their classroom teachers.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or mobile device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____