

FY 23 Questions - Bring Your Own Device

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#	Question	Response	Source
RC 15 Technology			
1	Could we consider an opt in model for the devices at the high school?	An opt in/out model is not preferred by the Administration. After speaking to our peer districts, this is not a model that is implemented in those districts and that it is an expectation that all students bring a device. All students will be provided a device if they do not have one. Those who are unable to purchase a device due to financial reasons will receive a school-issued device, as will students who refuse to participate in the BYOD program. If students forget to bring a device to school they may borrow a device for the day.	BOE
2	Can we have data about who brings their own devices?	In a recent survey of Darien High School students, 86% of the 928 respondents reported that they have a device other than an iPad and phone and of that group, 72% bring this additional device to school.	BOE
3	Can you do a survey about who would bring their own device? Who would opt out of using an iPad? Would they opt out for all four years?	We recently surveyed the Darien High School students about their device usage. When asked, "What device do you use most often at school to participate in class?", the 928 respondents (fairly equally distributed across grade levels), responded as follows: 58% use their Mac laptops, 37% use their school-issued iPads and the remaining roughly 5% use a variety of PC laptops or Chromebooks.	BOE
4	Can we look into ways to help parents if they are	We have applied to have a DPS Apple store with two choices (basic and upgraded) with an educational discount and we are in the process of doing	BOE

	required to buy devices? Do we have any buying power?	the same on the PC side.	
5	Can you describe how the BYOD program would be implemented?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● End of 21-22 school year students turn in iPads ● The DHS iPads will then be distributed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A small number of iPads will be diverted to ELP and to the DHS library (as loaner devices) ○ Some iPads will be housed in carts at DHS for testing and for classroom use ○ Some iPads will be recycled ● Professional learning will be provided to faculty to transition to new instructional model over the summer ● Students returning to school for the 22-23 school year will be instructed how to configure their device for use on the DHS network ● Applications will be available for any student needing a device (either because of financial need or other reason) ● Continued PD will be targeted to best practices centered on enhancing teaching and learning with technology 	BOE
6	Has Joan McGettigan changed her mind about iPads at the high school?	The administrative team is in support of the BYOD program as presented to the Board.	RTM Education
7	Will we revise the tech plan to reflect a new BYOD policy?	Yes, the tech plan will be revised to accurately reflect our 1:1 model.	CDSP
8	Will an equity audit	All students will have access to a device whether or not it is provided by	BOE

	address a new BYOD policy?	the school. Therefore, a close examination of a BYOD program would not be part of an equity audit.	
9	How often will we need to replace the iPads on carts that we will use for testing or for students who don't bring a device?	If the plan is implemented as presented we will determine replacement needs based on device usage with signed out carts. When that data is available an accurate response can be provided.	RTM F&B
10	What liability do we have when it is not our device?	All devices conform to the District's acceptable use policy.	BOE
11	Can we provide a minimum specification for devices?	Min Specifications	BOE
12	How will we handle testing?	Students will be provided with a school-issued device (iPad or computer lab access) to complete state testing that requires a secure browser.	BOE
13	What price do you expect to receive when you liquidate the iPads and, if you are selling them, would you allow families the ability to purchase them?	Each device is graded by a recycling company for the condition it is in and assigned a value. They typically range from \$40 to \$75 per device.	BOF
14	Is this being proposed as a cost-saving measure?	While this transition will result in cost savings, the main drivers are student usage and integration with instruction. BYOD will allow us to focus more on instruction.	BOE

15	What is the threshold for providing a device to a student? Free/reduced lunch? Some other metric?	If a student qualifies for an economic hardship as determined by the school's guidance counselor, and school administration.	BOE
16	If we decide to go with an opt in/out approach, how do we estimate demand and budget accordingly?	Logistically an opt in/out model is not preferred by Administration. All students will be provided a device if there is need. Those who are unable to purchase a device due to financial reasons will receive a school-issued device, as will students who decline to participate in the BYOD program. If students forget to bring a device to school, they may borrow a device for the day.	BOE