Appling County School System

"Bring You Own Technology" (BYOT)

Protocol for Bring Your Own Technology on Appling County School System Campuses

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students in select classes may now bring their own technology.

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable Internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), 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 Appling County School System, nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any device stolen or damaged 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.

B.Y.O.T. Appling County 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 electronic 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 B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy IFBG). Additionally, technology:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- May not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.
- May only be used to access files on computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.

Students acknowledge that:

- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- 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 Policy IFBG.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking," altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of policy IFBG.
- 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.
- Access to student drives allows downloading files but not always uploading files. Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device.
- Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.
- Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

I understand and will abide by the above protocol. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action. Signing the acknowledgement form for student handbook will verify parent/guardian understanding of this protocol.