

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, we recognize that technology provides many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. We continue to work to increase technology access for our students in order to increase achievement. Therefore, the Bristol Warren Regional School District (BWRSD) is implementing a BYOD program at Mt Hope High School (MHHS) and Kickemuit Middle School (KMS). In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own devices to school to enhance their learning experience. No student will be left out of instructional activities for lack of having a personal device.

Definition of “Devices”

For purposes of BYOD, “Devices” shall refer to privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic equipment that includes, but is not limited to, smartphones, tablets, laptops, and portable Internet devices. This will include any personal devices that can be utilized as an extension of the classroom to assist teaching and learning, such as word processing, wireless Internet access, and, when relevant, complement the students’ education outside the classroom. The use of portable entertainment systems such as Nintendo DS or PlayStation Vita are not permissible to use as a BYOD solution in the classroom.

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 “hot spots”, are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources at any time. The BWRSD complies with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and only provides access to educationally appropriate sites. All stakeholders should recognize that filtering does not and should not replace adult supervision.

Security and Damages

Responsibility of device security rests with the individual owner. The BWRSD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the 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 Access and Conditions

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, cellphone or other electronic device while at school without the approval of school personnel. Classroom use of personal technology is at the discretion of the teacher. When respected, BYOD privileges will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When abused, privileges will be taken away.

The conditions below may be modified by the administrative team of the school to fit the needs of the particular learning community. *However, any changes may not supersede the guidelines*

*provided by the Student Handbook or the district's **Student Computer and Internet Use Policy (IIA)**. Students (and their parents) participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all policies, particularly the Student Computer and Internet Use Policy (IIA), and abide by the following conditions:*

- Parents must notify the Principal should they choose not to allow their child to participate.
- Each classroom teacher will choose whether or not personal devices will be used within his or her classroom each day.
- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school 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.
- Recording audio, video or photographic images without the subject's permission is not allowed in any area of the school. These actions alone can be a violation of state and federal law.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.
- Students shall access only files on the computer, their email account, and their school-approved cloud storage or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student complies with a teacher's request to shut down/put away the device.
- Students will use the BWRSD Private network only. Use of 3G or 4G wireless connections is not allowed.
- 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 onto school premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program with the intent to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information, is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary action.
- 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 Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary action.
- The BWRSD has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems, such as inappropriate use in the case of cyberbullying, or was the source of an attack or virus infection. Distributing such recordings or images can lead to further legal ramifications with state and local authorities.
- BWRSD is not responsible for any fees associated with using any personal technology devices.
- The student understands that the district does not support printing from personal technology devices.

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