

ACCEPTABLE USE OF PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

There are several reasons why we are providing the same computing devices to all students in school. They include safety, instruction and technical support.

- **Safety:** BPS has installed web filters along with other safety precautions that help prevent students from accessing inappropriate or unsafe websites while at school or home. We can't be sure that devices brought from home meet the same standard.
- **Instruction:** Installed software on district laptops may not be available on personal computers. Teachers can quickly and more efficiently teach entire classes and help individual students on a district device. Trying to teach a lesson with several different devices would be very difficult.
- **Technical Support:** We can't offer the same level of support to BYOD / personal devices and systems, which could lead to more computer downtime and lost learning opportunities.
- Students who use their personal device at school, do so at their own risk. The district is not responsible for lost or stolen personal devices. Any student who uses a personal device must have a release form on record before it can be used at school.
- Students who plan to use a personal device within Birmingham Public Schools learning environment must, along with their parents, read and sign this agreement and submit it to the building TOA.
- Students shall take full responsibility for their device and keep it with them at all times. BPS will not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse or theft of any personally owned device brought to school.
- Students are responsible for the proper care of their personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school.
- Personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing them to school and shall be capable of running off their own battery while at school.
- Students should have working knowledge of their personally owned device prior to bringing it into the learning environment.
- The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using the device.
- Students must comply with the request of a staff member to shut down the computer/device or close the screen.
- Current virus protection is recommended on devices that utilize the guest wireless network.

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- BPS recommends that personal devices not have credit card information entered into them.

After reading the above information, Print and RETURN this form to the building TOA. This form must be on record before using your personal device at school.

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM ACCEPTABLE USE (BYOD)

- I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use of Personal Devices (BYOD) Policy.
- I further understand that violation of any Board policies, administrative procedures, schools rules and/or the guidelines listed above while using my personal device may result in the loss of network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.
- I understand that while using my personal device for school the district terms of use will be followed and respected.
- I understand that even though I am using my own device, I am responsible for my school laptop and will have it ready for daily use in the event my laptop breaks down or a teacher requests me to use the district laptop.
- I am responsible for having my device charged and ready for daily use.

I understand and agree with the policies above and will follow these guidelines for BYOD use in Birmingham Public Schools.

Grade: _____ **Building:** _____

Student's Name: _____
Print Name

Device Information:

Student's Signature:

Personal Device Brand: _____

OS: _____

Parents/Guardian,

As a parent/Guardian, I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above Policy and guidelines.

I give permission for my child to bring his/her personal device to school. I accept the policies and guidelines as stated above, and have reviewed them with my child.

Parents Name:

Print Name

Parent's Signature:

Date: _____