

WCS Bring Your Own Device Application

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Wilson County Schools (WCS) is committed to preparing students to be successful citizens in a global economy. In order to accommodate such needs, enrolled in Wilson County Schools are permitted to bring their own device for instructional use. Understanding and adhering to the following policies and procedures are necessary for the success of this program. Approved personal devices will only be used when teachers deem appropriate.

I. Deployment

- A. Students bringing their own device (not using a WCS device except when mandated for testing).
 - 1. The device must be approved by the media specialist. Media Specialist will ensure that the device is a chromebook, laptop, macbook or a health monitoring device. A WCS device will not be issued to the student if they are utilizing BYOD, except in the case of a health monitoring device.
 - 2. Students will only be allowed one device. The device **cannot** be a cell phone, unless needed for medical reasons.
 - 3. Students will return the Parent/guardian and Student signed Student/Parent Technology Agreement before students are placed on the network.
 - 4. Student devices will be subject to routine monitoring by teachers, administrators, and technology staff.
 - 5. An individual search of the device and other stored student files may be conducted if there is suspicion that policies or guidelines have been violated.
 - 6. WCS reserves the right to deny or revoke access to the network if any misuse is detected.
- B. WCS will **not** be responsible for tech support, loss or damage to personal devices.

II. Internet Access/Filtering

- A. As required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, a current filtering solution is maintained by the district for school use; however, the district cannot guarantee that access to all inappropriate sites will be blocked. It is the responsibility of the user to follow guidelines for appropriate use of the network and the Internet. WCS will not be responsible for any problems suffered while on the network or the Internet. Use of any information obtained through the Internet is at the user's own risk.

III. Copyright

- A. Compliance with federal copyright law is expected of all. "Copyright" is legal protection for creative intellectual works, which is broadly interpreted to cover just about any expression of an idea. Text (including email and Web information), graphics, art, photographs, music, and software are examples of types of works protected by copyright. Copying, distributing, downloading, and uploading information on the Internet may infringe the copyright for that information. Even an innocent, unintentional infringement violates the law.

Student Technology Use & Digital Citizenship Agreement

Wilson County Schools believes that every student deserves the opportunity to better themselves through education. By providing access to devices for Wilson County School students, we are making sure that students have every opportunity to do this. Using devices creates an environment where we can truly start to differentiate instruction for everyone. Differentiated learning will focus on individual strengths, offer opportunities for more student choice within the classroom environment, and increase student engagement. Your student(s) will have access to and/or be issued an instructional device for their school and/or home use. Additionally, students are granted the privilege of access to the Internet and network resources. Each student and parent is asked to read this document and sign the agreement page indicating their understanding of the guidelines and procedures for digital citizenship and the use of the electronic devices and network resources.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

The use of the Wilson County Schools' technology resources is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Wilson County Schools' technologies have been established for a limited "educational purpose". The term "educational purpose" includes classroom activities, continuing education, professional or career development, and high quality educationally enriching personal research. In compliance with federal law, the school district shall make reasonable efforts to restrict access to inappropriate materials and shall monitor the online activities, as reasonably able, of the end users in the school environment.
- Wilson County Schools' technologies have not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The district has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material the student accesses or posts through the system. Students are also expected to follow the rules set forth in this agreement, the student disciplinary code, and the law, when utilizing the district Internet system.
- Students may not use Wilson County Schools' technologies for commercial purposes. A user may not offer or provide products or services through the district resources.
- Students/Parents are expected to abide by Wilson County Schools' Students/Parents Technology and Digital Citizenship Agreement. Additionally, they must abide by Board of Education policies including, but not limited to 3220, 3225/4312/7320, 3226 and 4331. Failure to abide by these could result in disciplinary action.
- Students/Parents are responsible for returning school owned devices and accessories to the school at the end of each school year. Students who graduate early, withdraw, are suspended or expelled, or discontinue enrollment in Wilson County Schools for any other reason must return all school owned devices and accessories on or before the date of exit.

DISTRICT-PROVIDED DEVICES (only for users with a health monitoring device)

Students and parents/guardians understand and agree:

- That the device and its accessory equipment are the property of Wilson County Schools.
- That I/we must report all device damages or the theft/loss of the device to the school administration or technical support staff immediately upon discovery.
- That I/we will be responsible for all repair/replacement charges associated with device damages caused through a lack of reasonable precautions. Cost will be set by repair professionals authorized to act in such capacity.
- That my device and files are subject to inspection/monitoring at any time without notice and remains the property of Wilson County Schools. Unnecessary items include, but are not limited to, media files, MP3/music, and pictures. If any material is found and considered inappropriate, not only will the material be deleted, but also disciplinary action could be taken as set out herein.
- That I/we accept responsibilities and will make a best effort to care for the device.
- To never loan out the device to other individuals; the student will ultimately be responsible for their assigned device and its accessories.
- In the case of theft, we agree to file a police report and then provide a copy to school administration.
- That the District is not responsible for any Internet or network connections interruptions, changes, or consequences arising therefrom, even if these arise from circumstances under the control of the District.

- That the device will be returned at the school's discretion for upgrades and maintenance.
- That the device must be in a case when being transported as a reasonable precaution against damage, theft, or loss (closed screen if applicable, protected with two hands, etc.). Students should not leave devices in a car, bus, or any unsupervised area.
- To clean the screen with only a soft, dry cloth or anti-static cloth and no liquid cleaners.
- To not physically alter the device or attempt self-repair including modifying, or destroying hardware or software, or interfering with system security.
- To not alter the device such as placing decorations (i.e. stickers) or removing the Wilson County Schools or manufacturer's barcodes.
- To not vandalize, damage, or disable property of the school or another individual or organization. Failure to report such incidents in a timely manner will be considered a violation.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Students understand and agree:

- That the use of digital resources must be in support of education, research, and the educational mission and core values of the Wilson County Schools.
- That the use of digital resources must abide by all copyright regulations.
- To only use digital resources for instructional purposes, during instructional time, with the permission of the classroom supervisor.
- To accept personal responsibility in reporting any misuse of the network to the school administration. Misuse can come in many forms, but it is commonly viewed as any material sent or received that indicates or suggests commercialism, pornography, unethical or illegal behavior, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, bullying, or using inappropriate material including, but not limited to, guns, weapons, pornographic material, inappropriate language, alcohol, drugs, and gang related content.
- To not submit, publish, display, or retrieve any defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, cyber bullying/bullying, or illegal material.
- To not reveal home addresses, birth dates, personal phone numbers, or other personal information on public web posts.
- To not share my username and password with anyone without explicit authorization from Wilson County Schools' personnel
- To not intentionally log in as another student to access resources and/or cause disruption to network services (hacking).
- To not use Wilson County Schools' resources for the purpose of cheating.
- To not record and/or post images, audio, or video of others without their permission.
- That some web-based, educationally approved applications may require parent permission of students under age 13 to create individual accounts and permission is granted to create such accounts.
- To treat web-based spaces as classroom spaces; language that is not appropriate for class is not appropriate for your web-based communication.

Parents/Guardians understand and agree:

- To be responsible for reviewing the [Wilson County Schools: Technology Responsible Use Policy 3225/4312/7320](https://bit.ly/wcspolicy3225) (online at <https://bit.ly/wcspolicy3225>) and this document with their students.
- To monitor their student's activities on the district-provided device/Internet on a regular basis.
- Parents are responsible for overseeing their student's use of the Internet and district-provided device(s) while the student is at home.
- That some web-based, educationally approved applications (i.e. email services, blogs, wikis, etc.) may require parent permission of students under age 13 to create individual accounts and permission is given to create such accounts.
- Wilson County Schools utilizes Google Workspace for Education and parents consent to the [terms of service](#) for their student to be issued a Google Workspace account for educational purposes.
- Students/Parents are expected to abide by Wilson County Schools' Students/Parents Technology and Digital Citizenship agreement. Failure to abide by this agreement could result in disciplinary action.

- Additional items to remember concerning district-provided devices (as applicable):
- All technical or mechanical issues with the device must be reported immediately to school personnel, preferably the technical contact. If a student fails to report it immediately, it may result in additional damage and an increased responsibility on the student for such damages.
- If a student leaves his/her device at home, he/she will be asked to call home and have a parent bring the device to the school. If this scenario is not possible, he/she may be issued a loaner device, if available, for the remainder of the school day. Loaners may also be issued in cases of repairs.
- If a student has his/her device confiscated for any period of time, he/she will be issued a loaner device on a day-by-day basis, but only while at school.
- The software/applications originally installed on the devices must remain on them in usable condition and be easily accessible at all times. The school may add/remove software applications or extensions at any time.
- Students are not allowed to install software on their devices other than what is installed by Wilson County Schools. This includes, but is not limited to, applications such as music downloading utilities, other media downloading utilities, and games. An exception to this practice would be a directive from a teacher for a specific purpose for a class.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE

The use of electronic information resources and electronic devices in WCS is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked or limited at any time. The school administration reserves the right to address any incidents involving the use of electronic devices, Internet, and network resources on a case-by-case basis. Possible consequences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Limited use and/or loss of use of the device or Internet.
- Re-imaging of the device, which could result in loss of student files.
- Detention, suspension or expulsion.
- Reporting of the incident to local law enforcement.
- Parent conference.
- The school administration holds the right to issue disciplinary consequences based on school rules and/or policies.
- Possible fine for misuse or intentional or accidental damage, i.e. removing identification tags/labels, cleaning fees, lost/damaged power cords, cracked screens, damaged keyboards, etc.

This agreement becomes an agreement between you and Wilson County Schools. Your signature indicates that you agree to abide by the conditions and guidelines referenced.

Students/Parents have read and understand:

- The expectations for care of district resources.
- The expectations for good digital citizenship.
- The potential consequence should any violations occur include revocation of access privileges, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

Student's Name (Please Print): _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Information: Email: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

As the ***parent/guardian*** of this student, I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the provisions of the Wilson County Schools' Student Technology Use & Digital Citizenship agreement.

Check the boxes below to indicate your acceptance of these terms and conditions.

- ☐ I will support my student in following this agreement.
- ☐ I agree that my student can use the Internet and agree to follow the Technology Acceptable Use Policy.
- ☐ I grant permission for my student (or his/her teacher, as applicable) to create individual educational web resource accounts.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

I have read (or it has been read to me), understand, and will abide by the Wilson County Schools' guidelines regarding district technology resource use (Policy 3225/4312/7320, *Technology Responsible Use*). Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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