Use Of Personal Computers Or Devices On The Bulloch Academy Campus

- The use of non-school issued devices such as laptop computers, Ipads, Macbooks, Chromebooks, etc. on the Bulloch Academy network is subject to the approval of the Bulloch Academy Technology Department. Use of personal PCs will have some minimum requirements and certification prior to allowing network access.

- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program is implemented for students in Grades 5-12. We recommend using a Windows or Chromebooks device as they work best with our school's software and network, support classroom tools and applications, and ensure a safe and secure learning environment.

- Meeting education-specific compliance standards, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), is essential for protecting student information and ensuring both legal and ethical adherence. Due to the unique features and security settings of macOS devices, achieving these compliance standards can be more complex. To ensure that macOS devices function properly within our school's technological environment, specific expectations and requirements must be met. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to maintain a secure and compliant educational setting.
    - Software Compatibility:
        - Students using macOS devices must ensure that all necessary educational software and applications are installed and updated.
        - Applications may have compatibility limitations with macOS, so it is essential to verify compatibility in advance.
        - Google Chrome must be installed and used as the primary browser.
    - Technical Support:
        - Our technology department primarily focuses on Windows and

Chromebook devices. While we will do our best to assist with macOS-related issues, students and parents should be prepared to seek external support for complex technical problems.

- Third-Party Applications:
  - macOS devices often rely on third-party applications for various tasks. These applications may have their own security settings and privacy implications, which can complicate compliance efforts.
- System Updates:
  - To ensure device security and compliance, it's essential to keep your macOS up to date with the latest security patches. Automatic updates should be enabled to ensure that devices are protected against vulnerabilities that could compromise compliance.
- Student Maturity and Usage:
  - Students should not misuse devices for activities such as gaming, social media, or accessing inappropriate content.
  - Students should not use iMessage while on campus.
- Classroom Management:
  - Our classroom management software will have limited functionality due to compatibility issues. Teachers are only able to monitor what a student is doing in the Chrome browser (no other activity can be monitored). The software cannot block or allow content, monitor student activity in real-time, communicate with students, or report on students' activity.
- Data Privacy and Security:
  - Enable FileVault, Apple's built-in disk encryption feature, to protect data on the device.
  - Configure devices to automatically connect to trusted Wi-Fi networks and avoid using public Wi-Fi networks, as they can be less secure.
  - Understand and adjust privacy settings on the device to limit data

sharing.

- Content Filter:
  - Our school filtering software offers comprehensive web filtering for students, but its optimal functionality for macOS relies on a managed environment, which we do not use Mobile Device Management (MDM) software. It is important to note that with an unmanaged device, our ability to monitor student activity is significantly limited. This raises concerns about our ability to quickly identify potential red flags or risk indicators, such as suicide, adult content, violence, etc.

- Tablets and iPad devices are not approved. Students are permitted to use approved personal electronic devices for educational purposes under the direction of a classroom teacher. BYOD activities are implemented at the discretion of classroom teachers. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to an appropriate school owned or leased digital device.

- Violations of any board policies, regulations, or school rules involving a student's personal electronic device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal electronic device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated board policies, regulations, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal electronic device.

- The use of an approved personal electronic is a privilege, and students may be denied access at any time. Students wishing to participate in the "bring your own device" program must comply with the following guidelines and procedures.
  - Students:
    - Must abide by the Bulloch Academy's Acceptable Use Policy and are subject to all student code of conduct restrictions and disciplinary

consequences relating to use or misuse of technology.

- Are responsible for ensuring the safety of their own personal devices. The school is not responsible for the loss or theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school.
- Will use approved devices only for an educational purpose, and only when directed by a classroom teacher or administrator.
- Must keep devices turned off when not directed to use them.
- May not use the camera feature to capture, record, or transmit audio, video or still photos of other students, faculty or staff without explicit permission given by the subject of the photo or video.
- Are not to use the device in a manner that is disruptive to the educational environment.
- Exhibiting harassing, intimidating behavior or found bullying through the use of a personal electronic device are subject to discipline under the Bulloch Academy Student Handbook, Conduct & Discipline Section E.
- Are responsible for servicing their personal electronic devices. The school will not service, repair or maintain any non-school owned technology brought to and used at school by students.
- All devices must be set to silent or vibrate mode, with audible signals disabled during all in-school use.
- Speaker settings must be turned off. Audio content must be delivered by means of earphones or headsets to prevent any disruption of school activities.
- Students will access only files and Internet sites that are relevant to the curriculum.

- BYOD permissions may be suspended at any time in keeping with rules surrounding the implementation of standardized tests or other specialized school activities.
- Students and staff should be cautioned BYOD connectivity cannot be guaranteed at any location all the time.

STUDENT-OWNED COMPUTER USE POLICY

Bulloch Academy will allow students in grades 5-12 the opportunity to bring their personal laptops to school for educational use. Students will only be permitted to use productivity software (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Notepad or other pre-approved programs) at school. Use of the laptop in class will be at the discretion of the teacher. Student devices should be set up so that the account they sign into their device uses their school email address instead of a personal one. This helps students access all the necessary education tools and resources, keeps everything secure and organized, and makes sure everything works smoothly with our classroom management and monitoring systems.

- The student laptop will be subject to inspection by any Bulloch Academy employee at any time. Students should only have school appropriate material saved on the laptop. Laptops will not be able to connect to the school network or Internet. Student privileges can be revoked at any time for misuse/abuse while on school property.
- Bulloch Academy will not be responsible for loss or damage of the student's laptop. Parents must complete the form below and return to the school acknowledging the student’s responsibility for laptop use.