

2017-18 McEachern High School's BYOD Policy

What is BYOD?

BYOD stands for "Bring Your Own Device." BYOD is an initiative that will allow students who have personal technology devices to bring them to school to use them for educational purposes under the direction of a teacher or administrator. Definition of "Device" For purposes of BYOD, "Device" means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, 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.

What are the benefits?

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally-owned devices in their pockets that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace. With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction, thereby maximizing their opportunity for success in school and beyond.

Why McEachern is implementing BYOD?

As our teachers strive to prepare students for their future, BYOD will allow us to replicate a technology-rich environment that is already common in higher education and business. The flexibility of personalized devices supports different learners with different needs, helping students to identify skills that will make them life-long learners. With more engaged and motivated students, BYOD has the potential to positively affect educational outcomes.

The use of individual personal devices in our BYOD initiative will highlight the shifting roles of both teachers and students in a technology-rich classroom environment. Teachers are moving towards a facilitator role as students take more ownership of their learning and share what they have learned using integrative technology tools. BYOD embraces the idea that when students are viewed as key contributors to their learning process, they tend to take ownership, and when they are given important responsibilities, they tend to perform better.

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 school district 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.

BYOD Student Agreement:

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct (JICDA –E; JICDA-M; JICDA-H), as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety (Policy IJNDB). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The district is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- The device must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The device may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or be used for non-instructional purposes or during state or district required testing.
- The student accesses only files on the device or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student complies with teachers' request to shut-down the device or close the screen.
- The parent and student acknowledge that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet. Student will not attempt to bypass the filters.
- The student understands that 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 the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- 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 AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- 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.
- The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.

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