



Protocol for the Use of Technology on Liberty Middle School Campus

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students in classes **where teachers explicitly give their permission to do so** may now bring their own technology (Bring Your Own Technology = B.Y.O.T.). Teachers are allowed to permit, as well as limit, technology usage based upon their classroom environment and instructional goals. Students are NOT permitted to utilize iPods, MP-3 players or music playing devices during the school day. The only exception to this rule is on special school-designated "iPod Days".

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), 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.

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 Forsyth County School System (nor its staff or employees) 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.

B.Y.O.T. Student Agreement

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, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy IFBG) and Internet Safety (Policy IFBGE). Additionally, technology:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- May not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.
- May only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.
- May NOT be used to send inappropriate messages during the school day.
- May NOT be used to accept any phone calls or texts during the school day.

Students acknowledge that:

The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.

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 School Board Policy IFBG.

Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of School Board Policy IFBG.

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.

Access to student H drives through *Citrix* allows downloading files but not always uploading files. Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device.

Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.

Personal technology is charged prior to bringing to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

Using his/her device to transmit or share inappropriate content during the school day will result in the loss of BYOT privileges. Additional consequences may be applied depending upon the circumstances. Transmission of material of a bullying nature or sexual nature will not be tolerated.

Using his/her device at unauthorized times will result in the loss of BYOT privileges. Use of BYOT in the cafeteria, gym, PE locker rooms, hallways, and bathrooms is strictly prohibited. The purpose of BYOT is purely for the extension and enrichment of the learning environment.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Print Student's Full Name

Signature of Student

Date

Print Parent/Guardian's Full Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date