

B.Y.O.T. CHESTATEE PROTOCOL

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, Chestatee Elementary wants you to bring your own technology (B.Y.O.T.).

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOT, "technology" means privately owned wireless and portable electronic hand-held devices that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capturing/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. Please note that PSP devices will not be supported by our wireless network; therefore, they should not be brought to school.



Security and Damages

Chestatee Elementary is not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. However, teachers are required to lock their doors when leaving the room (for lunch, specials, recess, etc.) 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. We recommend that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Teachers' Role

- Teachers are facilitators of instruction in their classrooms. Therefore, they will not spend time on fixing technical difficulties with students' personal devices in the classroom. They will educate and provide guidance on how to use a device and troubleshoot simple issues, but they will not provide technical support. This responsibility will reside at home with parents/guardians.
- Teachers will regularly communicate information regarding educational applications and suggest appropriate tools that can be downloaded to personal devices at home. Parents will need to assist their children with downloads if they wish to follow teachers' suggestions. No applications can be downloaded in school.
- Teachers will closely monitor students to ensure appropriate usage of technology in the classrooms. All activities involving technology will be based upon and support Georgia Performance Standards.
- We understand that not every elementary school student has his/her own electronic device. To ensure equal accessibility to technology resources, teachers will provide students with technology available within our school.

Please review and sign the B.Y.O.T. agreement between teachers, parents, and students. No student will be permitted to use personal technology devices unless the agreement is signed and returned.

B.Y.O.T. Agreement

Students and parents 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).

Please read carefully and initial every statement:

- _____ Students take full responsibility for their devices. The school is not responsible for the security of personal technology. Personal devices cannot be left on campus before or after the school hours.
- _____ Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.

- Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers. Students cannot use them while riding school buses.
- Students are not permitted to transmit or post photographic images/ videos of any person on campus on public and/or social networking sites.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school and run off their own batteries while at school.
- To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the BYOT wireless connection in school and will not attempt to bypass the network restrictions by using 3G or 4G network.
- Students understand that bringing devices 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 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 is the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Students realize 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. Students can only access files on the computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested by a teacher.
- Students realize that printing from personal devices will not be permitted at school.
- Students should not physically share their personal devices with other students, unless they have a written parent permission to do so.

Please understand that the use of personal devices to support educational experience is not a necessity but a privilege. With respect of the rules, this privilege will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When rules are abused, privileges will be taken away.

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 technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Teacher

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date