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## **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE**

### **Bring Your Own Device Personal Computing Devices**

The Bainbridge Island School District recognizes the value that personal computing devices can bring to students and the educational process. The district will allow students and staff to use personal computing devices with the approval and supervision of school district staff and to connect those devices to the district's wireless network. Network wireless access will be prioritized to support direct classroom, instructional, and business operations of the school district before allocating network wireless resources to personally owned devices. Categories of approved personal mobile computing devices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- laptops including netbooks, notebooks, chromebooks;
- tablets and eReaders such as iPads, Kindles, Nooks;
- smartphones, feature phones; and
- iPod Touches.

### **Classroom Use**

While students are allowed to bring their own computing devices to school, students may only use them in class with teacher permission. Teachers will define if, when, and how these devices may be used in their classrooms. Teachers, and designated instructional staff, have the authority to permit, limit, or prohibit the use of personal computing devices by students in their classes.

School staff are responsible for providing guidelines for students about responsible digital citizenship including appropriate Internet use, and appropriate use of personal computing devices at school. Staff members must provide reasonable supervision for students accessing the Internet through the district's wireless network to ensure that it is being used for educational purposes and in accordance with BISSD Policy 2022 Responsible Use of Electronic Resources.

### **Instruction**

A student will be allowed to use the District's wireless network for educational purposes after a signed network use agreement is received by the District. Once on file, the student's parent or guardian can revoke the agreement by notifying the school principal or designee. If a student does not have parental permission to use the Internet or such access has been revoked by the school, teachers will make a reasonable effort to provide an alternative assignment covering the same benchmarks contained in the Internet-based instruction.

In the event that equivalent instruction cannot be reasonably provided, an alternative assignment will be given to the student. However, if the parent revokes permission for the student's privilege to use the Internet, the parent/guardian will assume responsibility for the student's mastery of those benchmarks that cannot be addressed in the alternative assignment.

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### **Expectations for Use of Personal Computing Devices**

After submitting a signed network user agreement and with classroom teacher approval, students may use their own personal computing devices in the classroom to positively contribute to the educational process and mission of the district.

Students who bring their own personal computing devices to school must always be in compliance with District policies related to their use such as Policy 2022 Responsible Use of Electronic Resources, Policy 3200 Students Rights and Responsibilities, and 3706 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, e-mails, or other material of a sexually explicit nature in electronic or any other form on cell-phones or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at a school sponsored event, or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district. Students will only use appropriate technology at teachers' discretion. Students are permitted to access only the school's wireless network, not private networks, through personal devices when engaged in school-related events and activities. Private networks include, but are not limited to, personal cellular data plans. Possession or use of mobile computing devices may not, in any way:

1. disrupt the educational process of the school district;
2. endanger the health or safety of student or others at school;
3. invade the rights and privacy of others at school; or
4. involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.

Loss of access to personal computing devices can occur if the school becomes concerned about its appropriate use. Concerns may include but are not limited to: safety, potential for disruption to educational process, and security issues related to connecting a personal device to the district's network systems. If used inappropriately, students are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and losing the privilege of bringing such a device onto school property. In addition, staff may confiscate or with reasonable articulable suspicion can search the device. Content or images that violate criminal laws will be turned over to law enforcement.

### **Responsibility for Use of Personally Owned Devices**

Students are responsible for the devices they bring to school, on school buses, and to school sponsored events. The District shall not be liable for the loss, theft, damages or misuse of any electronic device brought to school, possessed/used during the school day, in/on district buildings, district property, district vehicles or contracted vehicles, during transport to/from school, while attending school-sponsored activities during the school day, and/or any/all school sponsored activities. The District will provide no technical support, troubleshooting, or repair for electronic devices. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred. Additional responsibilities include:

1. Students and parents/guardians should be aware that the Bainbridge Island School District does not have control of the information on the Internet, but the District takes all measures possible to protect students through content filtering software and education of appropriate use as specified in the Children's Internet Protection Act and BISD Policy 2022.
2. Use of personal mobile devices is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms, nurses' offices, and other locations that are private in nature.
3. Phone calls and texting are not allowed during class time unless directed by the teacher.
4. Technical support will not be provided for personal devices. Students take full responsibility for setting up and maintaining their personally owned devices.
5. During the school day, students must access the internet through the District's network systems and not personal or other private data plans.
6. Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline including but not limited to suspension, criminal charges, and expulsion.
7. Unauthorized streaming of audio or video is not allowed at any time.
8. If a staff member holds reasonable suspicion of inappropriate use of a personally owned device, students must surrender the device to school staff upon request. School staff may examine the device for inappropriate use, content or images in accordance with district policies and procedures. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to legal authorities.