

Bring Your Own Technology Program

The District recognizes the importance and potential educational benefits of technology. The use of portable electronic devices in the classroom can add educational value when such devices deliver content and extend, enhance, or reinforce the student learning process. Classroom teachers shall determine the appropriateness of in-class use of electronic devices, consistent with District instructional objectives, District policies, and with the approval of the building principal.

The District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to provide the student with a device for this program. Students at any Madison School District school are permitted to use approved personal electronic devices for educational purposes under the direction of a classroom teacher.

Neither the District nor any of its schools is liable for any device stolen, lost, or damaged on District property or proceeding to or from District property, whether due to the action/inaction of the student or that of any third party. The student and his or her parent/guardian shall be solely responsible for any such loss, theft, or damage. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office as any other personal items that are stolen or damaged. It is recommended that skins, decals, and other school appropriate, custom touches be used to identify a student's device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Rules Regarding Use of BYOT Devices

Personal electronic devices may only be used in a responsible and legal manner, and may not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process and/or is contrary to any District policy, procedure, or rule. Students using their own devices are subject to District acceptable use guidelines, BYOT guidelines, student conduct and discipline rules, and all other Board policies and procedures and school rules. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices in the classroom and in disciplinary action as appropriate.

Students may only use a personally-owned device as part of the BYOT program once a Form 3260F Bring Your Own Technology Permission Form and Form 3270F Internet Access Conduct Agreement, signed by both the student and parent/guardian, are on file with the school.

The following personal electronic devices may be used in BYOT programs:

1. Laptop computers;
2. Tablet PCs;
3. E-readers;
4. Chrome books;
5. Tablets;
6. Cell Phones;

7. MP3 Devices;
8. Other Devices as approved

To ensure compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, students using their own electronic devices may access only the wireless Internet provided by the District. Internet access from outside sources, such as using a data plan associated with a personally-owned device, is not permitted on school grounds. Students are prohibited from attempting to bypass the District’s Internet gateway, and are directed to report any inappropriate content and conduct to their classroom teacher.

Students may only access files and sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested or authorized by a teacher

The District will not service, repair, or maintain any non-District owned technology brought to and used at school by students.

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. Any search will be conducted in compliance with Board policies.

The controls on electronic communication devices contained in this policy do not apply to special education or Section 504 students or students with an Individualized Education Plan when any of these or other such similar plans conflict with uses outlined herein.

Cross Reference:	3260F 3265 3270 3295 3370	Bring Your Own Technology Permission Form Student-owned Electronic Communications Devices District-provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Menacing Searches and Seizure
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Legal Reference: Children’s Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-55420 U.S.C. § 6801, et seq.

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