

## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE/TECHNOLOGY

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*See Also: Policy EHAA, JICL*

### **Introduction:**

The School Board recognizes the importance of technology and the educational benefits available through the use 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 determine the appropriateness of in-class use of electronic devices, consistent with district instructional objectives, and with approval of the building principal.

All personal electronic devices must be used in a responsible, and legal manner. Students using their own devices are subject to the District Acceptable Use Policy and guidelines, Board approved BYOT guidelines, all other Board policies and procedures, including but not limited to the student code of conduct. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices in the classroom and/or disciplinary action as appropriate.

The following personal electronic devices are approved:

1. Laptop computers
2. Tablet PCs
3. iPads
4. E-readers
5. Other devices as approved by the building principal.

### **Terms of Use of Devices and District Computer/Internet Services:**

Students are permitted to use approved personal electronic devices for educational purposes under the direction of a classroom teacher or other educational professional. Additionally, the following expectations of students are established:

1. Students will only use appropriate technology at a teacher's discretion.
2. Students will only use appropriate educational applications on their device and will only use such applications of district-related educational purposes.
3. Students are not to call, text message, email or otherwise electronically communicate with others from their personal device, including other students, parents, guardians, family members and/or friends during the school day, unless a privilege granted by the School Administrator.
4. Students are permitted to access only the school's network through personal devices.

In addition to these expectations, students are also required to abide by the terms and conditions of Policy IJNDB - School District Internet Use for Students.

Students using their own electronic devices may access only the wireless Internet provided by the District. The District provided Internet access is filtered in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Internet access from outside sources allowing for 3G or 4G access is not permitted on school grounds in order to promote safe, filtered Internet access.

BYOT activities are implemented at the discretion of classroom teachers and building administrators. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to an appropriate district-owned digital device.

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 in accordance with Board policies. 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.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions:**

Personally owned devices are permitted for use during the school day for educational purposes and/or in approved locations only.

The District shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, theft of any personally owned device brought to School.

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.

The Board expressly prohibits use of personally owned devices in locker rooms, restrooms, and nurses offices.

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.

#### **Legal References:**

*RSA 194:3-d, School District Computer Networks*

*Pub. L. No. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act (47 USC 254 (h)(5)(b)(iii))*

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