

Randolph County School System – Bring Your Own Technology Guidelines Parent/Student Agreement

Introduction

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. In an effort to put students at the center and empower them to take control of their own learning, the Randolph County School System is implementing **Bring Your Own Technology** as written in *Section C of Board Policy 3220 (Technology in Education Program)*. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. Students wishing to participate must follow the responsibilities stated in the Board Policy 3225/4312/7320 (*Technology Responsible Use*) as well as the guidelines that follow. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school's equipment for curriculum and instructional use. No student will be left out of instructional activities.

Definition of “Technology”

For purposes of Bring Your Own Technology, “Technology” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable Internet devices, 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. Device types include, but are not limited to, laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod Touches, cell and smart phones.

Internet

The Randolph County School System uses technological measures such as filtering to promote Internet safety. Only the guest wireless network 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 Randolph County School System is not liable for any device stolen or damages to it 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. Individuals are encouraged to physically identify and protect their technology; this may be done with the use of decals or other custom touches and protective cases.

Compatibility

All devices may not be compatible with bandwidth frequencies. Wireless frequency throughout each building is 5Ghz. Frequencies at 2.4Ghz (older devices) are available in most cafeteria, library media center, and gyms.

Bring Your Own Technology Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student may not use his or her laptop, cellphone or other electronic device while at school without the approval of school personnel. Misuse may result in loss of privileges.

Students and parents/guardians participating in Bring Your Own Technology must adhere to all board policies, particularly Board Policy 3225/4312/7320 (Technology Responsible Use) and Board Policy 3226/4205 (Internet Safety). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following guidelines:

1. The student takes full responsibility for the security of his or her technology device.
2. The student is responsible for the support and proper care of his or her personal device; including anti-virus software if necessary.
3. Personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing to school and shall be capable of running off the device's battery while at school.
4. The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
5. The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes. The student may access only files and/or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
6. The student may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or videos of a person or persons on campus. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without the express permission of a teacher.
7. The use of social media is strictly prohibited for non-educational use.
8. The student will comply with a teacher's request to shut down/turn off the device.
9. Students are strictly prohibited from using a personal data plan to access the Internet throughout the school day.
10. The student will use the school's guest wireless network. This guest wireless network is separate from the school's network and allows for filtered Internet access only. The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.
11. Students will use their login credentials provided by the Randolph County School System to access the guest wireless network. The school does not guarantee every device will be able to connect to its guest wireless network.
12. Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the Responsible Use Policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
13. The school district reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated board policies, administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using his/her personal device.
14. Violations of any board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.

I understand and will abide by *Board Policy 3220 (Technology in Education Program)*, *Board Policy 3225/4312/7320 (Technology Responsible Use)*, and the **Randolph County School System *Bring Your Own Technology Guidelines***. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Print Student Name

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date