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Dear Parents,

We are very glad to have your child as a part of the Denton Magnet Admiral family. As part of your child's 21st century education at Denton Magnet, I would like the opportunity to teach you or child how to use their personal device (phone, tablet, or laptop) in an educational setting. I welcome and encourage your child to bring their devices to school each day. While your child is fully responsible for their devices on campus, I look forward to introducing them to some neat ways to utilize them in the classroom. It is the goal at Denton Magnet for every student to have the advantage of digital education and instruction.

Our students are spending exorbitant amounts of time of digital devices, in this science class, they will learn how to spend that time constructing and reflecting knowledge. We will focus on 'digital citizenship' to inform and educate your child on their role in the digital community. Students are encouraged to take control of their digital identity, ensuring their footprint is one of creativity, and production worthy of sharing.

BYOD POLICY and PROCEEDURES:

To ensure success of our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program, we have created easy to follow color codes for device use on campus. All red zones are 'device free'. Phones should be off and out of sight. These areas are generally the hallways, gym, and cafeteria. Because our BYOD policy is for educational purposes, areas deemed 'non-educational' are device free. Yellow areas indicate that devices may be out (and face down on the table top) and ready for use. Green areas indicate a teacher has given an assignment that may be completed on a device, and the device may be in use. All devices must be used on the table tops. They may not be used in the student's lap. When devices are in use, the teacher is engaged in monitoring usage and this is most effectively done from the table tops.

Because 6th grade Earth & Space Science is a project based class, students will use personal devices for research, digital assignments, viewing media (ear buds are required to participate in media on devices, media is shared through Discovery Education and all content is filtered.), and taking quizzes. We are currently trying to build our classroom technology, and currently have 4 classroom laptops and access to the computer labs on campus to complete assignments.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to comply with the BYOD policies, or misuse of a personal device (i.e. 'noneducational' usage on school campus) may result in the forfeiture of the device to the teacher or staff and released to the parent, or ultimately the student's personal device privileges revoked.

Thank you so much for your support in your child's digital education. I am very excited to personally work with your child to build a digital portfolio showcasing their science education at Denton Magnet this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any way that I can assist you. Emails always work best: jadams2@mcpss.com, and feel free to follow me on Twitter (@jacqadams37). I only post cool science links and photos of progress in the classroom.

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Parent signature indicates agreement with the BYOD policy: _____