

B.Y.O.D. (Bring Your Own Device) Student Agreement
ACCEPTABLE USE OF
PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES

Northwest Local School District is pleased to announce that students may bring their personal devices to school for instructional use during the school day. The purpose of the District's BYOD program is to extend and enrich the learning environment. Students will be given the opportunity to do so on a room-by-room and day-by-day basis. The use of technology to provide educational material is not an entitlement, but a privilege provided by teachers and administrators under their directives. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, the personal device will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in the BYOD program must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly the Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy. In addition:

- Student takes full responsibility for the care of his/her personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement, or any modifications needed to use the device at school. The school is not responsible for the security of the device. **The District assumes no responsibility for theft, loss or damage of a personal device brought to school.**
- Student may not use the device to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on school grounds during school activities and/or hours.
- Student may only access files on the device or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games and other sources of entertainment are not permitted.
- Teachers/Staff have the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom. Students must comply with the teachers/staff requests to shut down and/or put away the device.
- Student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- Student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to hacking, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) and will result in disciplinary action.
- Student understands that the school reserves the right to collect and examine student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has engaged in any type of misconduct while using the device.
- Device is **never** to be used for **District or State testing**.
- Device must be in silent mode at all times. Use of headphones/ear buds are acceptable in class. **Students will not be permitted to wear headphones in the hallway between bells due to safety concerns.**
- Students may use laptop cases specifically designed to transport and protect the device to and from class and school.
- Student understands that these are personal devices. The NWLSD IT Department cannot offer assistance with downloading software, virus resolution, damage or malfunction to the device. Devices are required to carry some type of virus protection software. Teachers may recommend certain apps to enhance the learning process.
- Student must only access the NWLSD's secure wireless network on his/her personal device. Devices are often equipped with 3G/4G wireless accessibility, which the District is unable to filter or monitor. Students who bring 3G/4G-enabled devices must access the Internet via the District's filtered Wi-Fi connection. **3G/4G Network Access is Prohibited**. Violators may have their devices confiscated, their participation in the BYOD program restricted, and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

I understand the rules and regulations and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or personal device privileges as well as additional disciplinary action.

Student Signature

Date

