

# PHS BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

We are fully implementing BYOD again at Pickens High School this year. This program will allow students to use their mobile devices at school as an educational tool. Students have been allowed to use their cell phones at assigned times as a social tool for the last three years. Now students will be using their devices, when the teachers allow, as a hands-on tool to supplement their learning experience. This technology is seen as a major change in the way teachers teach and students learn compared to years past. When implemented correctly, the focus will shift from the teacher as the facilitator of learning to the student. Our infrastructure has been upgraded to accommodate the use of mobile technology, and we are now ready to make it available to all students. Students will be responsible for their own devices and will be encouraged to register them on our PHS website.

## Question

## Answer

<b>What is BYOD?</b>	<b>BYOD is an acronym for Bring Your Own Device and is a program that allows students to bring their own technology devices to be used at specific times during the day to support learning. Examples of BYOD devices are: laptops, eBook readers, iPads, Smartphones, etc.</b>
<b>How is BYOD used in class?</b>	<b>Teachers will let students know within their classes when they can use their devices for an activity. Teachers are equipped with green and red signs to indicate whether devices are allowable for use on that day. Access to mobile technologies enables instant access to a wealth of information, references, and collaborative resources on the web. These Internet resources can support the learning activities that are a part of daily classroom instruction.</b>

<p><b>How do teachers monitor technology use in class?</b></p>	<p>Teachers are constantly monitoring as they teach, walking around the room, reading body language, checking student work, etc. Monitoring technology use in class is no different.</p>
	<p>If they see a student using their device at an inappropriate time/ or to access inappropriate material, the teacher will confiscate the device immediately and disciplinary actions will follow.</p>
<p><b>What do I have to do before I can bring my own personal technology device to school?</b></p>	<p>Students must have a signed BYOD Contract and an Internet Permission Form on file with the school.</p>
<p><b>Who can access the district Wi-Fi (wireless) access network?</b></p>	<p>Anyone within range of our Wi-Fi signal can access the network with the proper credentials. Once our Infrastructure is upgraded we will have a Student and Teacher login for the wireless, but until then the only way to access it is to have the credentials to the current dated Wi-Fi network.</p>
<p><b>What devices can access the PHS wireless network?</b></p>	<p>Any device with Wi-Fi capability can access the network. There is no need for a data plan or phone service. There is a quick setup procedure that will need to be done for those students that will be part of the BYOD program.</p>
<p><b>Is there a preferred device to use for this program?</b></p>	<p>We hesitate to recommend any devices. We see a wide variety of devices that have been brought into classrooms. Each has their pros and cons. Many of our students enjoy the use of tablets and touch screen devices. Some students benefit from a device with a standard keyboard and a large screen.</p>

<p><b>What happens if a student cannot bring a personal mobile device to</b></p>	<p><b>Your child will not be treated any differently because he/she doesn't</b></p>
<p><b>class?</b></p>	<p>have his/her own device. If students are bullied or harassed because of this, the consequences are the same as any other bullying or harassment incident. The idea of BYOD is to allow more students access to technology in the classroom than we already are able to provide. If students do not have their own devices, we still have plenty of technology on our campus for students to use. Activities and assignments are designed for everyone to be able to complete without any issues.</p>
<p><b>Who will provide technical support?</b></p>	<p>Other than helping a student troubleshoot a device, our school will not be able to help with technical support of any student owned device. We are establishing student-run support networks that can provide student-to-student support and advice.</p>
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<p><b>How will safety and security of the devices be provided?</b></p>	<p>Students are ultimately responsible for the security of his/her personal device. No portable device should ever be left unattended! When not in use, the device should be with the student or in</p>

	<p>a secured location. Unattended devices will be turned in to school administration. Per school division policy, PHS is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of any personal electronic device. Any loss, theft or damage is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian.</p>
<p>What internet security will be provided?</p>	<p>Student access to the Internet through our “PickensInternal” Wi-Fi network is filtered in the same way as student access through wired computers at school. As noted above, other users of the network cannot access the devices of other users on the network.</p>
<p>Should students access the internet via private service providers like Verizon or AT&amp;T?</p>	<p>Students are prohibited from using 3G or 4G wireless access to the Internet using private subscriptions through their own Internet Service Provider. Students should ensure the service is turned off when entering the school building.</p>
<p>Are teachers required to allow students to use personally owned devices in the classroom?</p>	<p>No. Teachers determine whether the use of privately owned devices is appropriate and will support the intended learning outcomes of each lesson. If a student is asked not to use his/her device in class, the student will follow those instructions or face disciplinary consequences.</p>
<p>Will students be able to print from their personally owned devices?</p>	<p>We currently have two wireless printers in the PHS Media Center enabled with Apple AirPrint as well as HP ePrint. These two brands of</p>

	<p>devices will be able to wirelessly print in the Media Center only at this time.</p>
<p>Can special features, for example video recording, be used?</p>	<p>No unauthorized audio or video recording will be permitted. Specific permission will be granted by teachers for recording as needed to accomplish specific instructional activities.</p>
<p>How will students charge personally owned devices during the day?</p>	<p>Students will not be able to charge their personal devices during the school day and should bring a fully charged device to school and put it on sleep mode or turn it off when not in use.</p>
<p>How is the school teaching students about Digital Citizenship?</p>	<p>We are teaching your children how to be safe online, what appropriate use of technology is, and how to communicate academically, productively, and respectfully. All students attend an orientation at the beginning of the school year to teach expectations.</p>
<p>Can I use my personal technology device between classes or at lunch?</p>	<p>Yes, students are permitted to use technology for personal reasons during all non-instructional times.</p>
<p>What do I do if a student reports that they are being bullied by someone using a personal device?</p>	<p>This should be reported to a campus administrator and is a violation of the BYOD Student Agreement form.</p>
<p>How will the teachers know who has BYOD privileges and who does not?</p>	<p>Students have on file a BYOD agreement which is sent home to parents. Only students with a signed agreement will be allowed to use their devices while in class.</p>