

# **Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology**

## **Pickens County Schools**

### **B.Y.O.T Pilot Program**

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students in select classes on our campus may now “Bring Your Own Technology” (B.Y.O.T). B.Y.O.T will be evaluated with student and staff participation in the Pickens County Schools Pilot Program.

#### **Definition of “Technology”**

For purposes of B.Y.O.T, “Technology” is privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment or device that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable Internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), 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, etc.

#### **Internet**

Only the Internet gateway provided by the school district within the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal Internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones/cell network adapters with 3G or 4G data plans are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources at any time using those plans.

#### **Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Pickens County School System, its staff, or employees, is not liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is lost, stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

#### **B.Y.O.T. Pickens County Student Agreement**

The use of technology to access educational material is not a necessity or a right but a privilege. A student does not have a right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), as well as all Board policies, particularly [Internet Acceptable Use](#).

Additionally:

- The technology is allowed for educational purposes and only to enhance the classroom experience. Teachers will decide when it may be used and for what purpose(s). The technology may only be used to access files on computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- Students take full responsibility for their personal electronic/digital devices. The school/ district is not responsible for the security of the electronic devices. Additionally, students are responsible for management, trouble shooting, and technical support of their personal devices. The school/district is not responsible for technical support of or repairs to personal devices.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- The technology may not be used to record, transmit or post audio, video, or photographic images of a person or persons on campus during school or school activities without the consent of an instructor or administrator.

#### **Students acknowledge that:**

- Each teacher will decide if, when and how B.Y.O.T. will be used in his/her classroom.
- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet, and there will be no attempts to by-pass those filters.
- Bringing on premises, attempting to infect, or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, malware, or program(s) designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the student acceptable use policy outlined in the [Code of Conduct](#).

- Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of student acceptable use policy outlined in the [Code of Conduct](#).
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Access to student drives through the district network while using B.Y.O.T. is not possible. Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, to the student’s Google Apps account or another media device.
- Printing and scanning from personal devices will not be possible at school.
- Personal devices must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- Personal technology must be charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

I understand 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 technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

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Signature of Student

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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