

## **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE GUIDELINES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Bristol Virginia Public Schools has implemented a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Initiative. This initiative allows students to bring their personal Wi-Fi enabled electronic device such as a laptop, iPad, netbook or mobile phone to school. This device is to be used by the student for academic work and at the discretion of the teacher or principal. Bristol Virginia Public Schools (BVPS) is not liable for the loss, damage, misuse and/or theft of these devices, nor is it responsible for any charges that may occur as a result of their usage.

This BYOD initiative is designed to improve student learning through improved access to web-based resources. Use of the device is a privilege and is only permissible during approved times and at authorized locations. Any use of these devices that is deemed to be inappropriate by the Bristol Virginia Public Schools administration, teachers, or staff, may result in loss of use and/or disciplinary action. The school system reserves the right to monitor and inspect a personally owned device if there is reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred.

Please review the guidelines listed below, and discuss them with your child.

- Personal devices may only be used in the classroom at the discretion of the classroom teacher
- Personal devices must only be used in a manner that is not disruptive to other individuals (no sounds, music, etc.)
- During school hours, personal devices must only be used for educational activities and other activities that are permissible by the division's Acceptable Use Policy and Student Conduct Policy.
- Personal devices shall only connect to the internet via the division's Wi-Fi networks. Use of data plans that circumvent the division's web filtering policies is not authorized.
- The use of personal device camera function is strictly forbidden at any time in private areas such as locker rooms, restrooms, or dressing areas.

## **Responsibility for the device**

It is imperative that the parent/guardian and student understand that students bring their device to school **AT THEIR OWN RISK** and are fully responsible for the upkeep and protection of the device. The school system is not responsible for:

- Damage to the device
- Theft of the device
- Maintenance or upkeep of the device (installing updates, upgrades, software or keeping the device charged)
- Security of the device (keeping it free from viruses, spyware or other malware)

## **Unacceptable devices**

Unacceptable devices include but are not limited to:

- Gaming devices or consoles unless they are Wi-Fi enabled and have web-browsing capability
- Laser pointers
- Routers or modems
- Televisions
- Wireless storage devices
- Devices that must be solely plugged in to electrical power to operate (do not have batteries)
- Devices that cannot be muted

## **Disciplinary Actions**

Disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with existing school board policies regarding student conduct.

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Reviewed: on September 17, 2018

## Permission Form

Students and parents must read and sign this form indicating agreement to the provisions herein.

1. Students take full responsibility for their personal device;
2. Students (not the school division) are solely responsible for the care, upkeep and repair of their device if needed;
3. Students may only use the device in a classroom at the teacher's discretion and must put the device away when asked;
4. Students shall not post any images, video, audio or other files recorded at school without the teacher's authorization and the permission of all individual's featured in the post;
5. Students shall only use the school division's wireless network instead of the their service provider's data plan;
6. The security of the device is the sole responsibility of the student (not the school division).
7. The school division is not responsible for theft or damage to the device or for any viruses, spyware or malware that may be received while using the device;
8. The school division reserves the right to inspect the device if there is reason to believe at the school division's discretion that the student has violated school division policy. The school division may confiscate and turn over the device to law enforcement for investigation if there is reason to believe that a law may have been violated;
9. All web traffic, email and other electronic transmissions using the school division's network is filtered and monitored;
10. Violation of any policies, procedures, rules or staff directives involving a student's personal device may result in loss of BYOD privileges and/or other disciplinary action as set forth in the division's Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policies and Regulations; and
11. The school division has the right to amend and/or revoke its policies including but not limited to the BYOD policy in its sole and absolute discretion.

We understand that it is a privilege to bring a device to school and that any violation of the above guidelines may result in the loss of this privilege as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_