



Martin County "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) Responsible Use Guidelines for Students

Technology is one way of enhancing the District's mission of teaching students to be productive, college- and career-ready members of the 21st century. In order to increase the use of technology in the classroom, Martin County Schools are implementing a BYOD program. We want students to embrace appropriate use of technology so they may become responsible digital citizens.

Definition of BYOD

Bring Your Own Device allows students to bring and use their own personal technology device to connect to the District wireless network and Internet for use during classroom instructional activities directed by instructional personnel. For the purpose of this program, the word "device" will include: Wi-Fi enabled devices including but not limited to iPads, iPod Touches, laptops, e-readers and Android tablets;

Internet Access and Use

The District will provide secure and filtered access to the Internet through the District wireless network. Usage of the District wireless network account is encouraged. The District is not liable for content that is accessed or charges that may be incurred if a student chooses to use his/her personal data plan to access the Internet.

Security and Damages

Each user is responsible for his/her device and is expected to use it appropriately. Responsibility to keep personal technology secure rests with the individual owner. Martin County School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. Martin County School District will NOT replace or provide financial restitution for any stolen or damaged personal electronic device. If a technological device is stolen or damaged, the issue will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of technology to access educational material is a privilege. When abused, privileges will be revoked and disciplinary consequences will be issued. When respected, these privileges 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 Student Responsible Use agreement. Additionally, all mobile devices:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- Students are not allowed to use any device to photograph or record (either in audio or video format) another person on school property at any time without that person's permission.
- Devices may not be used for any purpose that promotes academic dishonesty.
- Students will not participate in behavior utilizing their personal device on or off campus that "materially or substantially interferes with school operations" and/or creates a "substantial disruption to the educational process". If such behavior occurs, disciplinary action will be issued as deemed appropriate by the MCSD Code of Conduct and School Student Handbook.

Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that:

- The school's network web filter will be applied to a device's connection to the Internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
- Students are prohibited from processing or accessing information by "hacking", altering, or bypassing Martin County School District network security policies.
- The District has the right to collect and examine any device if a student is suspected of violating the BYOD guidelines.
- The charging of devices is the responsibility of the student and teachers may allow or disallow that privilege at their own discretion.
- The District is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal technological devices.
- The District is not responsible for maintenance or repair of any personal technology.
- The District is not responsible for any costs incurred due to use of personal technology.
- Printing from personal devices will not be supported at school.
- Each school has discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.

THE MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Responsible Use Policy for Networked Communications

Also see School Board Rules 7540.00 and 7540.02

The Martin County School District (MCSD) provides computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. Students may be granted access to the District's networked communication system (the Network), which could include access to the Internet. The Martin County School District has taken safeguards to meet the requirements of the *Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)*.

Successful participation in the Network requires that its users regard it as a shared resource and that members conduct themselves in a responsible, efficient, and legal manner in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the Martin County School District. The following guidelines have been established for users of the network. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in suspending or revoking the offender's privilege of access, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions.

Acceptable Uses of the Network/Internet

- Activities which support learning in the Martin County School District
- Activities which support the educational goals and objectives of the Martin County School District
- Respecting copyright laws and giving credit to authors

Unacceptable Uses of the Network/Internet

- Activities which interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment
- Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user
- Activities for financial gain, commercial use, or illegal activity
- The access, download, or distribution of pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material
- Disclosure of personal information about self or others
- Plagiarism
- Unauthorized access of another's resources, programs, or data
- Modifying or damaging equipment

The Martin County School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services provided and will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers, including loss of data caused by the District's negligence or by user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The MCSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through MCSD Networked Communications. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain and consider how valid that information may be.



Martin County School District
PARENT AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

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The mission of the Martin County School District, in partnership with family and community, is to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become responsible citizens through comprehensive learning experiences and innovative environments that extend beyond traditional walls. As a partner in education, we request that you read and discuss this important document with your son/daughter. It is required that you sign this sheet and return it to the school, where the form will be kept on file. We have included the acknowledgements of all important documents and forms which are located at <http://martinschools.org> on this *Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form*.

- I have read and discussed the student **Code of Conduct** with my child. (Parents/guardians should take special notice of the dress code, attendance, suspension and expulsion sections of this code which are in accordance with School Board policy.)
- I have read and discussed the **School Board Policies on Bullying and Harassment**.
- I have read and discussed the **school handbook** with my child (available on the school website).
- I have read and discussed with my child the **Student Responsible Use Policy for Networked Communications** and grant permission for him/her to access the Network. I understand that Internet access via MCSD Network is being provided *solely* for educational purposes. I understand that even though the District employs filtering technology, it may not be able to restrict access to all inappropriate and controversial materials on the Internet, and I will not hold the MCSD responsible for materials my student may acquire as a result of the use of the Internet from school facilities.
- I have read and discussed with my student the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Responsible Use Guidelines**. If we choose to participate by bringing a device to school, we understand and will abide by the guidelines.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE that I have read the foregoing form, front and back, and that the facts stated in it are true and accurate. Florida Statutes Sec. 92.525 (3) provides that whoever knowingly makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury is guilty of a felony in the third degree.

Student Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (unless student is emancipated)

Date

IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE.

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Please indicate your permission preferences below by circling your choice and providing your initials.
(No circling or initials implies permission.)

PHOTO/MEDIA RELEASE: Your child may be interviewed, photographed, or audio or video-recorded by the news media or District staff for print, radio, television, Internet content or any other medium. Permission is granted for the school or District to use my child's photograph, video image, writing, voice recording, name, grade level, school name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, diplomas and awards received, date and place of birth, and most recent previous school attended, in annual yearbooks, graduation programs, playbills, school productions, web sites, etc. and/or similar school or District sponsored publications or in school or District approved news media interviews, releases, articles, and photographs. I also provide permission for the release by the school or District to the media and governmental entities of my child's name, grade, school name and honors by child has received for public announcement of recognition of my student's accomplishments.

Circle one: I give permission. I do not give permission. Initials ____ (No circling or initials implies permission)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ONLY: Opt-out for the release of information to military: The NCLB Act of 2001 requires that school districts provide military recruiters access to the names, addresses and phone numbers of high school students. Parents have a right to OPT-OUT from sending this information. If you do not want your child's information released to the military without prior written parental consent, check below. Although we will accept the opt-out any time during the year, sending it the first 20 days of the school year will ensure that no information is sent this school year.

Circle one: I authorize release. I do not authorize release. Initials ____ (No circling or initials implies release authorization)

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