

Responsible Use Guidelines - for Students



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.

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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 the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.