

Gainesville ISD “Bring Your Own Technology” (B.Y.O.T.) Responsible Use Guidelines

Purpose:

Gainesville ISD uses Instructional Technology as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase access to those 21st century skills, Gainesville ISD will allow personal devices on our network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the attached guidelines regarding B.Y.O.T. Gainesville ISD provides technology that is appropriate and adequate to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is **optional**, and students who do not participate in B.Y.O.T. will not be penalized and alternate modes of participation will be available.

An important component of B.Y.O.T. will be education about appropriate online behaviors. We will review cyber-safety rules with students frequently throughout the course of the school year, and will offer reminders and reinforcement about safe online behaviors. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices.

Device Types:

For the purpose of this program, the word “devices” will include: laptops, cell phones, smart phones, iPads, iPod Touch, and tablets. Please note that Nintendo DS and/or other gaming devices with internet access are not permissible at this time.

Guidelines:

- Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy, and all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines.
- Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
- Approved devices must be in silent mode while riding school buses and on school campuses, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices 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).
- Students may not use devices to record, transmit or post-photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices may only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.

Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that

- The schools’ network filters 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 bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information, and processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies.
- Gainesville ISD is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Devices:

Each user is responsible for his/her digital property, and should treat it and use it responsibly and appropriately. Gainesville ISD takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data on those devices. While school employees will help students identify how to keep personal devices secure, students will have the final responsibility for securing their personal devices.

Usage Charges:

Gainesville ISD cannot be held responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

Network Considerations:

Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All users will use the "Guest" wireless network to access the internet.

Gainesville does not guarantee connectivity or quality of connection with personal devices, but will provide troubleshooting documentation on how to connect with a variety of Operating Systems and devices.

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 device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Device(s) that student will be using