

<p><b>North Providence School Department</b>  <b>Bring Your Own Device Policy</b></p>	<p><b>Approved:</b>  <b>2/3/2021</b></p>

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 the use of this technology the North Providence School District understands that students feel more comfortable using personal devices that have larger screens, larger keyboards and are more ergonomically designed for the comfort of students. For those reasons the North Providence School District will allow students to bring their own devices to school.

**Definition of “Device”**

For purposes of BYOD, “Device” means privately owned, wireless devices such as Laptops, Chromebooks, I-pads, and tablets that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. **This does include mobile phones with the cellular data service disconnected (using wifi only).**

**Internet**

Only the Internet gateway provided by the school/district may be accessed while on school premises. Personal Internet connective devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones/cell network adapters, are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources at any time.

**Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The North Providence School District, nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any personal device stolen or damaged on school property. If a device is stolen or damaged, the matter will be handled by the school administration. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify a student device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

**BYOD North Providence School District Student Agreement**

The use of portable technology devices to provide educational material is a privilege. A student may use his/her laptop, or other electronic device while at school with permission of school administration. BYOD privileges are granted at the discretion of the school administration. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the school’s student handbook, as well as all school district policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use Policy. Additionally, personal portable devices:

- Shall be used to complete assignments, projects, and assessments with academic integrity in accordance with the student handbook.
- Shall be used to access files on computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the curriculum. Non-educational activities are permitted only at certain times, i.e. indoor recesses, lunch, etc...

**Students acknowledge that:**

- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and attempts will not be made to bypass school/district filters.

Utilizing personal devices on premises to infect the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of Student Acceptable Use Policy as well as expectations outlined in the student handbook.

- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking," altering, or bypassing network security policies is a violation of Student Acceptable Use Policy.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any personal device that may be suspected as the source of an attack/virus infection.
- Files may have to be saved on the C: drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device.
- Printing from personal laptops/devices may not be possible at school, though a student's extenuating circumstance(s) may be considered at the discretion of school administration.
- Personal technology must be charged prior to school and must operate using its own battery while at school. Charging devices for students' personally owned devices should be kept with the student's personal property and be available to be plugged in for use on a limited basis at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- Personal devices and their content may be inspected by the classroom teacher or principal to ensure that the device is being used appropriately while in the classroom.

## **BYOD Agreement**

**Please review and sign the BYOD agreement between parents, students, and the North Providence School District.** Students and parents participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as District policies, particularly the Internet Acceptable Use Policy. Please read the following carefully and initial every statement:

\_\_\_\_ Students take full responsibility for their devices, including responsibility for the security of personal technology devices. Personal devices cannot be left at school before or after hours.

\_\_\_\_ Devices shall not be used during formal assessments without prior permission of the teacher.

\_\_\_\_ Students will adhere to teachers' directions to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in "silent" mode and put away as directed by teacher.

\_\_\_\_ Devices shall not be used to transmit or post photographic images/videos of any person on school campus on public and/or social networking sites.

\_\_\_\_ Personal devices must be charged prior to school and operate using their own batteries while at school. Charging may be available at teacher discretion.

\_\_\_\_ To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the wireless (wifi) connection in school. Attempts or methods to bypass the network restrictions by using a 3G or 4G or 5G (cellular) network are not acceptable.

\_\_\_\_ Utilizing personal devices on premises in a manner which infects the network with a virus, Trojan or other program designed to alter, damage, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy as well as discipline expectations outlined in the student handbook. The school district has the right to collect and examine any personal device that may be the source of an attack/virus infection.

\_\_\_\_ Printing from personal devices may not be permitted at school, though consideration of a student's extenuating circumstance(s) may be allowed as directed by school administration.

\_\_\_\_ Personal devices shall not be shared with other students, without written permission.

The use of personal devices to support educational experience is a privilege. BYOD privileges are allowed at the discretion of the district and school administration. I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of my personal technology privileges, as well as other appropriate disciplinary action.

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**Printed student name**

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**Signature of student**

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**Date**

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**Signature of parent/guardian**

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**Date**