

# Pearland High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

The goal of the Pearland High School BYOD program is to expand opportunities for learning. However, using personally owned devices at school is a privilege, not a right. This privilege may be revoked for the student body as a whole or for students individually at the discretion of the administration. Therefore, it is important that students use their devices responsibly, respect the property of others, and demonstrate that this use benefits them academically and helps them develop into good digital citizens.

## **Devices Permitted:**

The following devices are permitted. Items may be added or deleted at the discretion of the school administration.

- Laptops, netbooks, Chromebooks
- Tablets (iPad, Xoom, Galaxy, etc.)
- eReader – (Kindle, Nooks, etc.)
- Smart phones

## **Rules and Conditions:**

The following rules and conditions are specific to our school's BYOD program. All other school/district rules and policies also apply, including, but not limited to, the Code of Conduct and Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

### **Where/When/Storage**

1. Students may only use their device in the classroom when instructed to do so by their teacher.
2. Students may not use their device to text or update personal sites/accounts during school hours.
3. Students may use their device in designated common areas.
4. Students may not use their device while on school buses.
5. Students should not ask teachers or staff to 'hold onto' or store their device.
6. Students may not use devices to record, store, or transmit any type of image, sound, or video from campus during school activities and/or hours, except for approved projects with the express permission of the teacher

### **Network/Internet Access/Electrical**

1. Students should always use the school's wireless network, not personal data plans, to access the web. BYOD privileges may be revoked for students found to be visiting websites which are blocked by the District's filter.
2. No guarantee is made that the school's wireless network will always be available. Network outages may occur without notice. In addition, no quality of wireless signal is promised. Signal strength may vary depending on the location in the school and the number of devices simultaneously connecting to the network.
3. Student devices should be charged and recharged outside of school. Devices should be capable of lasting a full day without recharging. Access to electrical outlets for charging should not be expected.
4. Printing from personal laptops or devices will not be possible at school.

### **Theft/Loss /Damage/Troubleshoot**

1. The school/district will not be held financially responsible for lost or stolen devices, nor are school administrators responsible for conducting searches for lost/stolen devices.
2. The school/district will not be held responsible for any physical damage or data loss, including damage/data loss resulting from connecting devices to the school's wireless network or power outlets.
3. School/district staff, including technology staff, will not configure, troubleshoot, or repair student devices.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these rules and conditions. I understand that bringing my device is a privilege, not a right; and that this privilege can be revoked for violations of these rules or any other Code of Conduct violation.

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Student Signature/ Printed Name

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Parent Signature/Printed Name

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