



East Penn School District BYOD Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The East Penn School District plans to increase the availability of technology access in the classroom using a program called BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). This program allows students to use their own devices on the district campuses for educational purposes. Your child/children will be permitted to use his/her device to access information, work on school projects, share and collaborate with other students.

Devices acceptable for use during this pilot are:

- Laptops (Windows, Mac or Google Chrome book)
- iPads and iPods
- Tablets
- Cell phones
- Kindles
- Android devices
- Other device with web capabilities

The goal is to help enhance instruction by increasing students' ability to access educational materials online. Students who are registered with the BYOD program will be given instructions on how to connect their device to the filtered wireless network. Students will be allowed to use their device with BYOD teachers only.

The Acceptable Use Policy extends to student devices as well as district-owned technology while on campus. The complete Acceptable Use Policy is downloadable, in pdf format, at the bottom of each EPSD webpage.

Procedures for BYOD:

- When a student brings his/her own device to school, it is required that he/she use the East Penn School District wireless BYOD network. Students **must** log in to the Internet-filtered EPSD guest network. Students are **not permitted** to use personal data plans at school as part of the BYOD program as this gives them unfiltered access to online content. Pennsylvania School districts are required to use Internet filtering to be compliant with CIPA, the Children’s Internet Protection Act and eligible for E-Rate Internet access funding.
- By connecting to the EPSD BYOD wireless network, students accept the terms of the district’s Acceptable Use Policy and guidelines set forth in each building’s student handbook.
- Students may not use their own devices during class unless approved by the participating BYOD classroom teacher.
- Bring devices to school fully charged and in good working order.
- Bring necessary charging/power supplies to school.
- Students should “power off” when not using their device in order to save battery power. Also, students should set their device to the “silent” setting unless otherwise directed by their teacher.

Ownership and Responsibility:

- Students are responsible for the device as they would be for any other personal item brought from home such as graphing calculators, MP3 players, readers etc. Students who bring their own device to school do so at their own risk. Neither the school nor the district may be held liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.
- Students are to keep their devices secure at all times and not loan them to others.
- Set a password on the device and do not share that password with others.
- Clearly and permanently label all devices and cords with your child’s name.
- Record the device serial number and model information for your own records.
- Theft of items on school property will be referred to local law enforcement.
- The district is not required to provide technical support or service for student devices. All repair issues are the responsibility of the device owner.
- The BYOD program is a privilege and can be revoked at any point in time.

Safety and Security Concerns:

- All student devices need to have up-to-date system software.
- Anti-virus software and anti-malware/spyware software should be installed and setup on student devices and kept updated.
- This BYOD network is a public network that is used by other student BYOD devices which could put your device at risk if it is not properly protected.

We are very excited to incorporate the use of student devices and realize the benefits of technology integration in the classroom. Please review and complete the following Parent & Student Consent form so your student can participate in the BYOD program. Please contact me at mmohn@eastpennsd.org with any questions regarding this pilot.

Sincerely,



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East Penn School District
BYOD Parent Consent Form

Student's name: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

As parent / guardian of the child named above, I am giving consent for my child to participate in the East Penn School District BYOD. I affirm that I have read and understand the EPSD BYOD protocol

Prohibited Use of Technology:

1. Students are prohibited from taking pictures, with their device, of students or faculty without express permission from the person/persons
2. Students are prohibited from taking videos, with their device, of students or faculty without express permission from the person/persons

List the devices your student may bring (laptop, tablet, iPhone etc.)

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student ID# _____

Date: _____