

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY

Students and teachers may utilize their laptops or other devices at school. Cell phones may be used by students with teacher permission.

GUIDELINES:

1. Any student/teacher who wishes to use a personally owned laptop or other digital device within Mecklenburg County Schools must read and sign this agreement and submit to the librarian. Only after all agreements are signed by student and parent and the student has a signed AUP on file, will the student be allowed to use a personal laptop. If a teacher brings his/her own device; they will just need to sign this document and have the librarian set them up an account.
2. The student/teacher takes full responsibility for his/her laptop or digital device and keeps it with him/her at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the laptop or other digital device.
3. The student/teacher is responsible for the proper care of their laptop or other digital device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the laptop or other digital device at school. The school technicians will not work on personal computers. All participants must have up-to-date virus protection software loaded on their computer.
4. Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's/teacher's personally owned laptop or other digital devices may result in the loss of use of the laptop or other digital devices in school and/or disciplinary action.
5. Before using the laptop or any other digital device in any class, the student must inform the teacher and ask permission to use the device. The student must comply with teachers' request to shut down the computer or close the screen.
6. Personal laptops and other digital devices shall be charged prior to bringing it to school and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school.
7. The student may not use the laptop or other digital devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons on campus. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without the express permission of a teacher or administrator.
8. The student should only use their device to enhance learning, which could include note taking, research, or teacher led instruction. No personal laptops will be used for Benchmark or SOL testing. Also students should note that they will not be able to print from their laptop to a school's printer.
9. The student will use the BYOD wireless network. **Use of personal wireless connections (i.e. hot spot or wireless card) is not allowed.** Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you are using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

As a student I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or laptop or other digital devices privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

As a parent I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above policy and guidelines. I have read and discussed them with her/him and they understand the responsibility they have in the use of his/her laptop or other digital device.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____