

Newtown Elementary Schools Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Student Wireless Device Agreement

NPSwireless

Technology has changed the way we approach education as we prepare our students for future opportunities. We understand the many educational benefits of using technology in the classroom and importance of the integration of technology in our curriculum. In an effort to encourage our students to continue to develop their 21st century skills, 4th grade students in Newtown K-4 schools may now bring their own technology to school.

Use of devices to enhance learning in the classroom will be pursued when deemed appropriate at individual teacher discretion. Examples may include taking notes, maintaining planners, reading ebooks, accessing online resources, researching and collaborating with others using NPSApps, etc.

Use of the wireless network is intended to provide Internet access only. Students will not have access to documents as they do when logged onto a school owned desktop or laptop. It is suggested students save their work to their NPSApps account so they can access it from anywhere.

The use of personal devices by students is optional. Students who do not participate in BYOD will not be penalized. Alternate modes of participation will be available.

If a student wishes to use a personally owned electronic device in the Newtown K-4 schools, the student and parent/guardian must read and sign this agreement and return it to the school. Students participating in BYOD must also adhere to the pre-existing Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (BOE 8-300).

Definition of Device

For purposes of BYOD, “device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic device that may (but is not required to) offer capability to connect to wireless computer networks.

Internet Access

Currently, there is very limited wireless access in our elementary schools. If available, students **MUST** only connect to the filtered **NT-Public** network to access the internet. Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while in the school.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Newtown Public Schools, including its staff or employees, are not liable for any device stolen or damaged on

school grounds. It is recommended that students personalize their devices for easy identification and utilize protective cases.

BYOD Student Agreement

Use of technology in school is a privilege which comes with great responsibility. Students will be allowed to use their laptops, tablets, smart phones or other electronic devices for educational purposes at school.

In addition, devices:

- Must be in silent mode while in school and on the bus.
- May only be used for instructional purposes at all times. Personal communications, such as phone calls, texting, instant messaging are not allowed.
- Must not be used for playing online games, downloading music or text, or watching video broadcasts.
- Must be charged prior to bringing them to school and must be capable of running off battery while at school.
- Must have up-to-date virus protection. The *NPSwireless* network will not allow any device without virus protection to logon.
- Must not be used during recess or while at lunch in the café.

It is **not** the responsibility of your teachers or the staff of Newtown Public Schools to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Check your owner's manual for issues regarding connectivity.

The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated this agreement.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I understand and will abide by the above guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in disciplinary action.

Signature of Student _____

Printed name of Student _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____