

Personal Electronic Device Contract (applies to Grades 4-6)

As a school community, we recognize the motivation and wide reading options that electronic readers and other personal electronic devices (PED) provide for students, particularly in the upper grades. Many of today's personal electronic devices used for reading have other features that a teacher may allow students to employ for classroom related activities. Students are therefore allowed to bring these devices to school and use them in accordance with the guidelines in this contract. This change to our existing policy regarding the use of PED's in the classroom is to supplement existing school resources NOT to replace them. While teachers may present students with the option of using their own devices in certain circumstances, parents do not need to purchase a personal electronic device for their children. To ensure that all students have equal access, teachers must always provide students with school-based technology needed for the particular activity.

For a student to have a personal electronic device at school, parents/guardians and students must sign the acknowledgment form that accompanies this student handbook. This document outlines our expectations for the types and acceptable use of electronic devices during the school day. Students who bring in a device without having signed consent on file or use a device in an inappropriate manner will be referred to school administrators who will contact the students' parents/guardians.

- Kindles, Nooks, and other PEDs can be used during the school day for independent reading.
- Students are expected to turn off the mobile broadband capability while at school since this allows for unfiltered Internet access.
- Students are allowed to access the Internet through the school's wi-fi at the discretion of the teacher and for specific classroom activities only (otherwise wi-fi is to be turned off).
- Students must have their PEDs turned off and put away unless their teacher gives them explicit permission to use them for a specific classroom activity. Students may not make any recordings (still, video, or audio) without the explicit permission of the teacher and the students to be recorded. These recordings are for classroom assignments only and may not be published to the Internet without explicit written permission from the teacher and those recorded.
- Students are required to charge their devices at home and will not be allowed to do so at school.
- Inappropriate use of an electronic device may result in disciplinary measures as appropriate and in accordance with the Board of Education student discipline policy.
- Students will be solely responsible for keeping track of their PED while at school. The school cannot be responsible for devices that are lost or damaged. Please note that we do not have locks on our lockers, and students switch classes during the school day. Students will need to bring their PED to their academic classes and store it in their desk or binder when going to special area classes, lunch and recess.

I acknowledge that my child and I have read and agreed to the conditions set forth in the Personal Electronic Device section of the 2015-16 Student/Parent Handbook. I grant permission for my child to use a personal electronic device at school.

Parent Signature

Date