



Protocol for the Use of Technology at VCMS

August 9, 2012

Please carefully read and sign the following protocol for bringing your own technology (BYOT) to school for the 2012-2013 school year. Students who return the signed form will receive a BYOT sticker to display in their agenda.

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet Access on Campus

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. **The Forsyth County School System and its staff or employees, are not liable for any device stolen or damages on campus.** If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

B.Y.O.T. Forsyth County Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, technology devices can benefit the learning environment.

Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy IFBG) and Internet Safety (Policy IFBGE). Additionally, technology:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- May only be used when the teacher has granted permission.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls, listening to music and text/instant messaging).

- May not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.
- May only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.

Students acknowledge that:

- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- Bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of Policy IFBG.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of policy IFBG.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Access to student H drives through Citrix allows downloading files but not always uploading files. Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device.
- Printing from personal laptops or other devices will not be possible at school.
- Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.
- Student use of personal technology in each teacher's classroom is subject to the limitations and guidelines as set forth by the individual teacher in regards to the types of permitted technologies and the times and uses of technology. Classroom teachers retain the authority to establish guidelines for use in their individual classrooms.

I understand and will abide by the above BYOT policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date