

Bentonville Public Schools (BPS) Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy and Agreement

It is the intent of the Bentonville Public School district to support and promote the use of informational and educational technologies in the classroom to the fullest extent practicable. To this end, the following policy has been drafted to support the use of personally-owned technology devices in the classroom at BPS.

1) Definitions:

Device: a device is any piece of technology that has the capability to connect to a data source through any means of network access. This includes access through a cellular-carrier contract or through district Wireless network connectivity.

Network: a network is a mechanism to connect a device to any internal servers or systems, or to external resources through the Internet.

User: a user in the context of this policy is any person who is accessing network resources through the use of a device.

2) Expectations:

- It is the expectation of every user that access to network resources will be limited to educational or administrative purposes. Limited personal use of these systems shall be permitted as long as the use:
 - o Imposes no tangible cost to the district;
 - o Does not unduly burden the district's computer or network resources;
 - o Has no adverse effect on an employee's job performance or a student's academic performance.

3) Availability of Access and Restrictions:

- Access to the district's network and computing resources from personal devices is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing the use of district computer and network resources, including but not limited to this document and the appropriate acceptable use policy (Staff or Student). The district provides no guarantee of fitness or availability of access to computer or network resources to any user on any device for any given or specified purpose or time. Access to district computer and network resources is provided on an "as is" basis. Access for personal devices is limited to wireless connectivity only. No personal devices shall be connected to the district network via hardwire connection.

4) Limitations of Support:

- Access to district computer and network resources from personally-owned devices will be subject to the capabilities of the device and user. District technical support will be limited to providing basic connectivity information for wireless access. At no time will district technical staff provide support to individual users for personally-owned devices, in-district or out-of-

district. Users are encouraged to seek support from private technology support services in the event that they are unable to connect their device to district network resources.

5) Responsibility of the User:

- It is the responsibility of the user to use all computer and network resources in the district in accordance with these policies and in a responsible, legal, and ethical manner. Any violations of these standards, either observed in others or through your own use of technology, shall be reported to your classroom teacher or appropriate administrator immediately. Violations of district policy will subject the user to administrative discipline and any violations of state or federal law may result in criminal prosecution at the discretion of the appropriate authorities. Failure to report violations of district policy, state or federal law shall constitute an offense subject to discipline and/or prosecution according to district policies and any applicable law.

6) Active Content Filtering and Monitoring:

- In accordance with the Child Internet Protection Act, all use of district devices and/or network resources will be actively filtered to prevent access to inappropriate or illegal content on the Internet. In addition, activity will be monitored as deemed appropriate and necessary by authorized technical staff to ensure safe and appropriate use.

7) School and Classroom Use of Technology:

- It is expected that each school and classroom will have its own set of rules governing the appropriate use of technology. All users shall abide by those rules, subject to discipline in accordance with district policies regarding appropriate conduct. No user shall have the expectation of any right to use technology in any way other than that which is allowed explicitly by this policy and any school or classroom rules established at those levels. It is expected that the application of classroom management practices will be the right and responsibility of all teachers.

8) Expectation of Privacy:

- Users are advised that they enjoy no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their use of district computer or network resources, regardless of the ownership of any device using district computer or network resources.

9) Ownership of Information:

- All files, messages, and other content generated, stored, or transferred using district computer or network resources are subject to inspection by district technical staff and/or administration. In addition, all such artifacts remain the property of the district and are subject to copy, transfer, or deletion at the discretion of the district.

10) Disciplinary Measures:

- In the event that disciplinary measures are deemed necessary, district staff shall follow all existing policies regarding disciplinary action for inappropriate conduct as deemed appropriate

by district administration. In addition, the following sanctions may be applied by technical staff upon observation of a violation of the terms of this or any other applicable district policy regarding appropriate use of computer and network resources:

- Temporary disabling of access to district computer and network resources;
- Permanent disabling of access to district computer and network resources;
- Referral to district administration for further disciplinary action;
- Referral to legal authorities for prosecution under applicable law.

11) Disclaimer of Liability:

- The district shall not be liable for any user's inappropriate use of computer or network resources, or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws. The district shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information accessed or obtained through the district's network or computer resources. The district shall not be liable for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices, including any loss of data or other content from such devices. Personally-owned devices are the sole responsibility of the owner. Users and/or their guardians will be held liable for any damage to district computer or network resources resulting from the users' actions. Acceptance of these terms of liability is indicated by the user and/or guardian's signatures on this policy and agreement.

12) Responsibility for Maintaining Administrative Regulations

- The Board of Education of the Bentonville School District hereby authorizes the Administration of BPS to adopt administrative regulations to carry out this policy.

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Student Agreement and Parental Authorization:

By signing below, you are indicating that you have read the Bentonville Public Schools Bring Your Own Device policy and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the policy.

Student Information:

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent E-Mail: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please submit the following device information:

Device Type: (e.g., tablet, laptop, phone) _____

Device Brand: _____ Serial #: _____