

Sharyland ISD

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Student, Parent, and Staff Guidelines

As new technology continues to change the world in which we live, it also provides many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, and to ensure that we are truly empowering 21st Century Learners, Sharyland ISD is launching a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative. Our network is prepared to accept and support non-district devices in an effort to allow students/staff to bring their own technology devices on campus and to use them in the classroom to enhance the learning process. The decision to allow students to bring their own technology devices onto campus rests with the campus Principal, and whether students will be allowed to use their own devices in the classroom (including when and how) will be determined by each classroom teacher.

Definition of “Device”

For purposes of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), “device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held device that includes, but is not limited to, laptop and mobile computers, phones, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies (Blackberry, iPhone, etc.), portable Internet devices (iPod touch, iPad, tablet PC, etc.), Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld 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

Sharyland ISD will provide wireless connectivity and access to the Internet for all BYOD devices through the SISD-BYOD network and all network use is subject to monitoring. This is the only Internet connection we are allowing for BYOD devices. Connecting to the Internet using a hard-wired network connection, MiFi devices, all cellular data connectivity, not limited to 3G/4G/LTE, as well as personal hotspot sharing is strictly prohibited.” Again hard wired connections (plugging a mobile device directly to the SISD network via an Ethernet cable) are not allowed.

Terms of BYOD Internet Use

Sharyland ISD is providing wireless connectivity as a convenience for anyone wishing to participate in the BYOD initiative and offers no guarantees that any use of the wireless connection is in any way secure, or that any privacy can be protected when using this wireless connection. Use of the wireless network is entirely at the risk of the user, and Sharyland ISD is not responsible for any loss of any information that may arise from the use of the wireless connection, or for any loss, injury or damages resulting from the use of the wireless connection. All users of the Sharyland ISD network are bound by the district’s Responsible/Acceptable Use Guidelines for Technology.

Security and Damages Responsibility

The Sharyland ISD, its staff, and its employees are not liable for any device including its accessories being lost, stolen or damaged while on campus. Students/Staff are responsible for keeping track of their devices at all times. Students are to bring devices fully charged. It is recommended that skins (decals), engravings, or other custom markings are used to physically identify your personal device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD is a Privilege, not a Right

The use of technology to access educational material is not a necessity or a right but a privilege. A student does not have a 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, they will benefit from the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Technology Resources (Policy CQ). Additionally:

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- The technology is allowed for educational purposes and only to enhance the classroom experience.
- Teachers will decide when it may be used and for what purpose(s). The technology may only be used to access files on computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- Connecting devices to physical district technology property is prohibited. Items include but are not limited to printers, data projectors, speakers, hard wired network, etc...
- When authorized for use by the classroom teacher, devices will remain visible.
- **Students/Staff take full responsibility for their personal electronic/digital devices. The school/district is not responsible for the security of the electronic devices.** Additionally, students/staff are responsible for management, trouble shooting, and technical support of their personal devices. The school/district is not responsible for technical support of or repairs to personal devices.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests. The technology may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging) unless authorized by the teacher or administration.
- The district is not liable for any charges associated to texting, voice, data, roaming, and international charges due to the close proximity of our U.S. border.
- The technology 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 without with the written consent the participant(s) being filmed/photographed and authorization from the teacher or administration.
- The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses or school vehicles.
- All Internet access will be filtered and no attempt shall be made to bypass the filter using any technology available (proxy servers, remote desktop sharing, etc.).
- Students/Staff bringing technology to campus must verify that their anti-virus software exists and is up to date. Knowingly 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 may result in disciplinary action that could include suspension of BYOD privileges.
- Hacking, altering, or bypassing network security and sharing IDs/passwords are examples of inappropriate behavior and may result in disciplinary action that could include suspension of BYOD privileges.
- The school/district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing network problems or is believed to be the source of a malicious attack or virus infection.

Personal technology is to be charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school. Students will not always have access to power sources. Neither Sharyland ISD nor the school is responsible for devices that are left unattended and charging anywhere on campus. Student/Staff abuse or misuse of school or personal technology will result in on one or more of the following penalties and will be assessed at the discretion of the school administration:

- suspension or revocation of computing and other technological privileges
- disciplinary action assigned by the administration, including a hearing with the student's parents
- full restitution by the student to Sharyland ISD for resources consumed
- other legal action including action to recover damages
- referral to law enforcement agencies

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STUDENT

I wish to use the following telecommunications or other electronic device for instructional purposes while on campus:

Print Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student ID: _____ School: _____

I understand that my use of the District's technology resources, including the District's wireless Internet services, is not private and that the District will monitor my activity.

I understand that my personal electronic device may be searched by District administrators in accordance with policy FNF.

I have read the applicable District policies, associated administrative regulations, and this user agreement regarding the District's technology resources and use of student-owned electronic devices and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access and/or suspension or revocation of permission to use my personal electronic device for instructional purposes while on campus.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT

I have read the applicable District policies, associated administrative regulations, and this user agreement regarding the District's technology resources and use of student-owned electronic devices. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's technology resources, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, these resources, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policies and administrative regulations.

___ **I do** give permission for my child to use his or her personal electronic device(s) at school for instructional purposes while on campus.

OR

___ **I do not** give permission for my child to use his or her personal electronic device(s) at school for instructional purposes while on campus.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

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STAFF

I understand that my use of the District's technology resources, including the District's wireless Internet services, is not private and that the District will monitor my activity.

I have read the applicable District policies, associated administrative regulations, and this user agreement regarding the District's technology resources and use of staff-owned electronic devices and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access and/or suspension or revocation of permission to use my personal electronic device for instructional purposes while on campus.

Print Name: _____ Campus: _____

Staff signature: _____ Date: _____