



Weatherford ISD Bring Your Own Technology Student / Parent Agreement

Purpose:

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students at Weatherford ISD may now bring their own technology to campus. In an effort to increase access to those 21st century skills, Weatherford ISD will allow personal devices on our network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the guidelines regarding B.Y.O.T.

Weatherford ISD provides technology that is appropriate and adequate to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is optional, and students who do not participate in B.Y.O.T. will not be penalized and alternate modes of participation will be available.

Device Types:

For the purpose of this program, the word “devices” will include: laptops, netbooks, cell phones, smart phones, iPads, iPods, and tablets. Please note that Nintendo DS and/or other gaming devices with internet access are not permissible at this time.

Security and Damage:

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. **Weatherford ISD , nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any device stolen or damaged 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.

Guidelines:

- Only Grades 5 – 12 may participate in the BYOT program.
- Students participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy, and all Board policies.
- Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.

Guidelines: (Continued)

- Approved devices must be in silent mode while riding school buses and on school campuses, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- Students may not use devices to record, transmit or post-photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices may only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- 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.

Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that

- Weatherford ISD network filters will be applied to a device's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
- Students are prohibited from bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
- Students are prohibited from processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies.
- Weatherford ISD is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.

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

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____