

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Introduction

Isle of Wight County Schools is committed to aiding students and staff in creating a 21st Century learning environment. Like many schools across the nation who are implementing **Bring Your Own Device** initiatives for their students and staff, IWCS students and staff will now be able to access the division's network with their personal devices (laptops, netbooks, tablets, smart phones, etc.) during the school day. With classroom teacher approval, students may use their own devices to access the Internet and collaborate with other students. By allowing students to use their own technology on campus, the school system is hoping to increase the access all students have to the technology they need to be successful.

Overview

By initiating this policy, the School Board will approve changes to the current policy and regulations and allow all students to use their own electronic devices in an academic setting in order to access the school division's wireless network. This will go into effect with the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Access to the Division's wireless network, including the Internet, shall be made available to students, employees, and members of the School Board primarily for instructional and administrative purposes and in accordance with administrative regulations. Limited personal use of the system shall be permitted if the use:

- Imposes no tangible cost to the Division
- Does not unduly burden the Division's computer or network resources;
- Has no adverse effect on an employee's job performance or on a student's academic performance
- Complies with policy GABA/IIBEA: Acceptable Computer System Use

Network users must comply with all rules and regulations established for the use of computers or other electronic equipment. The teacher is the final authority in the classroom and students must comply with requests for students to shut down or put away electronic devices when they are not needed for instruction.

Procedures and Guidelines for Students and Parents for the Use of a Privately Owned Electronic Device

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, Isle of Wight County Schools will allow students to use privately owned electronic devices to access the IWCS wireless network. This wireless access provided to the devices is designed to enhance the students' educational experience and outcomes. Connecting to the IWCS Wi-Fi network with personal devices is a privilege, not a right, and *it is not a requirement* for division students. Permission to bring and use privately owned devices is contingent upon adherence to IWCS guidelines. If a privately owned device is used by a student to disrupt the educational environment, in the sole opinion of IWCS, that student's privileges may be limited or revoked.

Guidelines

1. Students may use a privately owned electronic “Internet ready” device on the IWCS wireless network with teacher or administrator permission.
2. The use of a privately owned electronic device is to support and enhance instructional activities.
3. Students are prohibited from accessing the Internet using any external Internet service. Students must use the school wireless network to access the Internet so that all sites can be monitored in compliance with CIPA regulations.
4. No privately owned electronic device may be connected to the IWCS network by a network cable plugged into a data outlet. Network access is provided via Wi-Fi access only.
5. No student shall establish a wireless ad-hoc or peer-to-peer network using his/her electronic device or any other wireless device while on school grounds. This includes, but is not limited to using a privately owned electronic device as a cabled or wireless hotspot.
6. Voice, video, and image capture applications may only be used with teacher or administrator permission.
7. Sound should be muted unless the teacher or administrator grants permission for use of sound associated with the instructional activities. A teacher or administrator may permit the use of ear buds or other types of headphones.
8. The privately owned electronic device owner is the only person allowed to use the device.
9. No division-owned academic or productivity software can be installed on personal devices.
10. No student shall use any computer or device to illegally collect any electronic data or disrupt networking services.
11. Devices are brought to school at the students’ and parents’ own risk. In the event that a privately owned device is lost, stolen or damaged, IWCS is not responsible for any financial or data loss.
12. Violation of school or division policies, local, state and/or federal laws while using a personal electronic device on the IWCS wireless network will result in appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action as specified in the *Student Handbook* and *Code of Student Conduct*, and/or School Board policy as well as by local, state and/or federal law.
13. The school division and school division personnel cannot attempt to repair, correct, troubleshoot, or be responsible for malfunctioning personal hardware or software.
14. The school division reserves the right to examine the privately owned electronic device and search its contents if there is reason to believe that school division policies or local, state and/or federal laws have been violated. In the event that a student believes that his/her password has

been compromised, he/she should immediately reset his/her password using a school division computer.

Procedures

All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulations and guidelines.

Students are expected to charge their devices at home. Classrooms may not be able to accommodate large numbers of students who want to recharge their electronic devices nor will class time be spent in managing these personal devices.

Students should not allow other students to use their personal electronic devices. Usually, having physical access to a personal device also provides the ability to e-mail or text message from the device. It also provides an opportunity for the device to be damaged. The owner is responsible for anything that occurs with the device.

Students should not make recordings or take photographs without the express permission of the teacher or administrator and with appropriately signed media releases.

Allowable Devices

Allowable devices vary from school to school and are determined at the building level. Devices could include the following: laptops, tablets, eReaders (Nooks, Kindles, etc.), iPads, and iPods. Devices must be such that can be used for educational purposes. Teachers and administrators are the final authorities as to whether the device may be used at school.

Use of mobile phones for any voice or text communication is generally not permitted during school hours; **however**, mobile phones may be used as directed by school personnel. When not for educational purposes, mobile phones do not have to be registered but must be turned off during school hours. Principals may allow limited use of phones during lunch.

Devices that are disruptive of the educational setting are not allowed, such as too-loud headphones, laser pointers, and gaming devices (Nintendo DS, PlayStation, etc.).

Zones

The individual schools are divided into zones: Green, Yellow, and Red. However, if the use of the device causes disruption in the specific setting, the student can be directed to put it away or impose other sanctions. Zones are classified as follows:

- **Red Zone:** An area designated as a Red Zone indicates that use of any personal device, either allowable or otherwise, is strictly prohibited. All bathrooms and locker rooms are Red Zones.

- **Yellow Zone:** An area designated as a Yellow Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use in a limited capacity as permitted and directed by school personnel.
- **Green Zone:** An area designated as a Green Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use for school related tasks as permitted and directed by school personnel.

Mobile phones possessing advanced functions, including Internet access, eReader, and video-audio functions can be classified as non-disruptive educational devices. These functions may be used in Yellow and Green Zones as permitted and directed by school personnel.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Electronic Devices

Violation of the appropriate use of electronic devices may result in any one or any combination of the following:

1. Verbal or written warning
2. Loss of BYOD privileges
3. In-School Suspension
4. Out of School Suspension

Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the Division.

Statement of Non-Liability

Isle of Wight County Schools assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices to school at their own risk.

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Cross Reference: GABA/IIBEA: Acceptable Computer System Use
GABA-R/IIBEA-R: Acceptable Computer System Use