

STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes technology is constantly changing and as a result of increased availability, the manner in which digital content is accessed, communicated and transferred has vastly transformed the consumption of information. Privately Owned Devices provide students and teachers with educationally pertinent content, information and resources that can have a positive impact on teaching and learning. Therefore, the Board of Education will allow students to use their privately-owned technology devices and access the WMRHSD Wi-Fi under the conditions outlined in this Policy. **It is important to note that connecting to the WMRHSD Wi-Fi network with privately-owned technology is a privilege, not a right for district students.**

For the purpose of this policy:

- "technology" means hardware or software.
- "privately-owned" means technology hardware and software that is purchased, owned, and maintained by the student at no expense to the school or school district.
- "hardware" means any device that can store, access, retrieve, and/or communicate data or information. "Hardware" may include, but is not limited to, any type of computer device; smart phone; tablet, electronic e-reader; video broadcasting and/or recording device; or camera.
- "software" means any application (app) or program that provides instruction for telling a computing device what to do and how to do it.

The Board also recognizes privately-owned technology allows students to access sources of information that have not been pre-screened by educators using Board approved standards. The Board therefore adopts the following guidelines for the use of personal electronic devices and declares unethical, unacceptable or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, limiting or revoking Wi-Fi access privileges, and/or instituting legal action. **The student's parent or legal guardian and the school teaching staff member responsible for supervising and/or providing the student's instructional program must approve the use of privately-owned technology by a student in the educational program during the school day.**

Guidelines for Privately Owned Technology Use

1. Students and teachers must abide by the District Responsible Use Policy, and are subject to all student code of conduct restrictions and disciplinary consequences relating to use or misuse of technology.
2. Students who use privately-owned technology in school will not be given access to the school district's computer server(s) and any network(s) except for specifically designated Wi-Fi. Students may not connect privately-owned technology devices to District owned hardware using USB connections, unless they have specific written permission from the District Technology Coordinator.
3. Students may connect their personal smartphones (iPhones, Android phones, etc.) to specifically designated WiFi. The district reserves the right to decrypt Internet traffic to and from personal smartphones preventing the use of VPNs and other filter avoidance sites/applications that could potentially disrupt or interfere with the continuity of instruction. Laptops, tablets and other electronic devices may be brought on campus, but will not be permitted to access the network or Internet.
4. A teaching staff member who approves a student to use their privately-owned technology to access the Internet during instructional time will provide the student with a specific set of parameters for how said device is to be utilized. A student granted such permission must comply with school district policies and regulations regarding acceptable use of computers and technology. Any use of privately-

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owned technology by a student shall be in strict accordance with the teaching staff member's specific approval(s) and Board policies and regulations. Any violation will subject the student to appropriate discipline and/or grading consequences.

5. The teaching staff member, in considering the use of privately-owned technology, will ensure such approval does not provide any advantage or benefit to the student who owns such technology over the student who does not own such technology. The teaching staff member will not approve the use of privately-owned technology if the teaching staff member determines the use would be advantageous or beneficial to the student who owns such technology over the student who does not own such technology.
6. Students may not use the camera or audio feature on their device to capture, record, or transmit audio, video or still photos of other students, faculty, or staff without explicit written permission given by the subject of the photo or video.
7. A teacher, staff member or an administrator may request at any time that the privately owned electronic device be turned off and put away. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and revocation of access to the district's Wi-Fi network.
8. The school district assumes no responsibility for any privately-owned technology brought to school by a student. The student shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any privately-owned technology brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any privately-owned technology. The school district shall assume no responsibility for the security of or damage to any privately-owned technology brought to school by a student. Students are encouraged to purchase private insurance for loss, damage, or theft of any privately-owned technology the student brings to school. A student who brings his/her device to school shall do so at his/her own risk. No searches or investigations will be conducted for lost or stolen devices beyond the normal operating procedures for a lost or stolen item. The district does not guarantee access to district provided Internet access on personal devices. A student is solely responsible for all usage charges incurred at any time on their personal electronic device.
9. In the event that a student's official Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan contains provisions for the use of assistive technology, including a privately-owned device, such provisions shall be taken into consideration when the District seeks to implement this Policy.

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