

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.) BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE  
USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

**AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS**

Access to the Sumter County Board of Education filtered wireless network utilizing personal technology devices shall be made available to students for instructional and administrative purposes, in accordance with the Board's Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and Electronic Communications Device Policy.

Conditions of use for the District's network shall be permitted as long as the user's actions:

- a. Comply with the responsibilities specified in the District's Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and Electronic Devices Policy.
- b. Impose no tangible costs to the District.
- c. Do not unduly burden the District's computers, or network resources.
- d. Have no adverse effect on a teacher's job performance or on a student's academic performance.
- e. Do not cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- f. Students and Parents have signed and submitted the signature page of this agreement.
- g. Students have completed the required B.YO.D. Orientation workshop.

Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. 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.

Noncompliance with the applicable regulations may result in limitations, suspension, or loss of privileges, and other disciplinary action consistent with the Sumter County Board of Education policies.

Violations may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the District.

Participation in the "Bring Your Own Device" (B.YO.D.P) device initiative is strictly optional, and the completion of the B.YO.D. agreement and participation in the hands-on orientation is required.

**PURPOSE**

The Sumter County Board of Education is committed to creating a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment to provide equitable access to technology that will aid our students in becoming self-directed learners, collaborative team players, and information producers as well as information consumers. Providing students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century digital learning environment is part of the Sumter County Board of Education school district core value.

# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.) BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

Students will be required to access our wireless network when using the approved personal technology devices during the school day with the consent and supervision of the classroom teacher and the authority of the building principal or when using approved personal technology devices for personal use at authorized times. While users may operate their own devices to access the internet, they must do so by way of the District's filtered wireless connections. The use of private (3G/4G) network access is prohibited. Users may not disable, override or circumvent district technology filters and protection measures.

## **WIRELESS INFORMATION**

When a student brings his/her own personal technology device onto the middle school or high school campus, it is mandatory that these devices utilize the assigned wireless network for students only. By authenticating and logging into the assigned student network, the student is agreeing to comply with the terms of the Sumter County Board of Education Acceptable Use Policy. Once on the assigned student network, all users will have filtered Internet access on their personal technology device equipment and will be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

## **ACCEPTABLE DEVICES**

### *Computers*

Laptops and netbooks with either Windows or Apple operating systems are permitted on the district's network. It is expected that these devices have an updated web browser from which the student can be able to access necessary tools, current antivirus software and be full charged and maintained to work properly during the day.

### *Mobile Devices*

Tablet technology and e-Readers are clearly useful for productivity purposes and will enhance instruction, so they are permitted on the network. This category includes but is not limited to iPads, Android tablets, Google chrome, Kindles, Nooks, etc.

### *Handheld Devices*

The category referred to as "handheld devices", which includes iPods, iPhones and Android smartphones are also permitted at this time. These devices have some of the same features as the more conventional wireless technology.

## **3G/4G NETWORK ACCESS IS PROHIBITED**

Mobile devices such as laptops, tablets, e-readers, are often equipped with 3G/4G wireless

capability, which the district is unable to filter or monitor in legal compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Students who bring 3G/4G enabled devices must access the Internet via the District's filtered Wi-Fi connection only. Violators may have their devices confiscated, their participation in the B.Y.O.D. initiative program restricted and be subject to disciplinary action.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.) BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE  
USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

***PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT***

FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT B.Y.O.D. 7&8 AND 11&12 GRADE DEVICE INITIATIVE

Any parent permitting their child to use a personally owned technology device in accordance with this agreement on Sumter County Board of Education property, must read, and return this agreement to the school. Each student must be scheduled for and complete a required B.Y.O.D. Orientation workshop prior to bringing their device to class.

1. The student is responsible for keeping his or her device in their possession and properly securing it at all times.
2. The Sumter County Board of Education is not responsible for the security or condition of student's personal devices.
3. The student is responsible for the proper care of personal technology devices, including all maintenance and repair, replacement or modifications, and any software updates necessary to effectively use the device.
4. The Sumter County Board of Education reserves the right to confiscate and/or inspect personal technology devices if there is reason to believe that it was used to violate our policies, administrative procedures, school rules or for general misconduct.
5. Violations may result in the loss of privilege to use personal technology devices in school, and/or disciplinary and legal action as appropriate.
6. The student must comply with the teacher's request to refrain from using a personal technology device, verify/display the authentication login screen, or to power down the device when instructed to.
7. The student may not use any personal technology device to record, transmit or post photos or video of any person without their prior knowledge and consent. Images, video and audio files recorded at school may not be transmitted or posted to any social networking site at any time without the expressed permission of a district faculty member.
8. All students will be required to only use the district's secured wireless network to access the Internet.
9. The use of private 3G and 4G wireless connections is not allowed.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.) BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE  
USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

**PARENT AND STUDENT SIGNATURE PAGE**

FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT B.Y.O.D. 7&8 AND 11&12 GRADE DEVICE INITIATIVE

Print Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to abide by the B.Y.O.D. policy of the Sumter County Board of Education. I further understand that violations may result in the loss of my personal technology device privileges, and possibly other disciplinary or legal action.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

As a parent I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above policy and guidelines. I have read and discussed this with her/him and we understand the responsibility they have while using their personal technology devices. In the event that he/she violates this agreement, the district may confiscate and inspect the personal technology device, and appropriately discipline my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*