



## **Bring Your Own Technology Device Questions and Answers for Students**

**Q: How do I get permission to bring my technology device to school?**

A: You and your parent must read, agree with, and sign the Bring Your own Technology Device Student Use Agreement provided to you by a teacher. You may not bring or use any technology device until this step is completed.

**Q: What devices may I bring to school?**

A: You may bring a netbook or laptop computer to school. Mobile devices, such as iPads, Android Tablets, smartphones, iPods, and other devices are also acceptable.

**Q: What kind of device should I bring?**

A: This depends on the classes you have and projects assigned. Mobile devices, for example, are easy to carry and have access to the WiFi applications you will be using. Laptops and netbooks may allow you to be more productive when creating documents, movies, or other digital media. Ask your teachers to help determine what technology will best enable you to be successful.

**Q: If I bring my smartphone to school, may I text or make phone calls?**

A: The principal of your school sets the rules for cell phone use at school. Generally, you may use your cell phone for personal calls, texting, listening to music with headphones, or other purposes before entering the building in the morning, after exiting the building in the afternoon, or at other times your principal permits.

**Q: Are teachers required to allow my use of a personally owned technology device?**

A: No. Teachers may decide what is appropriate for their classrooms.

**Q: How will I know when it's o.k. to use a technology device in a teacher's classroom?**

A: The teacher will post a green card or sign that means technology use is acceptable that day. The teacher will use the term "devices down" to indicate that technology should be put away. When the teacher does not want technology used in class, he or she will post a red green card or sign that indicates "no technology."

**Q: May I use another student's device if I don't have one?**

A: You may not borrow another student's technology device. Ask your teacher if you may use a school-owned device for completion of assignments.

**Q. At my school, I see several wireless networks available. Which one am I supposed to use?**

A: At all Carroll County Schools, a public wireless network is available with the name "CCS." This is the network requires no password, and is the one students are expected to use. Other networks that appear may be secured by a password, or have other limitations placed on them.

**Q: What happens if I misuse my smartphone or other technology device?**

A: The principal or his/her designee can take possession of your smartphone or other technology device if you are suspected of violating the technology use agreement, student code of conduct, or breaking the law. Violations of use will be handled as written in board policy. Depending on the type of violation, consequences may range from a simple warning to a tribunal referral. In cases where the law has been violated, referral to law enforcement may also result.

**Q: Who is responsible if my smartphone or other device is lost, stolen, or damaged at school?**

A: The owner of the device is responsible. The school or district will not pay for loss, theft, or damage of a personally owned technology device.

**Q: I've been told I must follow the Standards for Digital Citizenship. What are these standards?**

A: These are the general rules of courtesy that teachers, administrators, and bus drivers expect students to practice when using technology devices on school grounds. There are (seven) Standards for Digital Citizenship:

1. Students may use cell phones or other personally owned devices only upon receipt of a BYOT student use agreement signed by both the student and a parent.
2. Cell phones must remain on silent (not vibrate) at all times anywhere on school grounds or buses.
3. While on school property, all electronic devices will be required to use the Wi-Fi network provided by the school. Students will not be permitted to use their cellular data network (e.g. 3G, 4G) during school hours.
4. Teachers will use a color code system (green/red) in the classroom indicating the use or nonuse of electronic devices during classroom instruction.
5. Students may not borrow or use devices that belong to another student.
6. Students may use cell phones for non-instructional reasons before entering school in the morning and upon exiting the school in the afternoon.
7. Violation of the BYOT use agreement or student discipline policy that result in an administrator's removal of a student's personal electronic device privileges may not be appealed.

**Q: Who do I talk with if I have other questions about technology use at school?**

A: Talk with your teacher, media specialist, or school administrator for additional information.