

Colbert County Schools
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY
Grades 7-12

Please return only signature sheet to school

Colbert County Schools allows students permission to bring certain personal computing devices to school for educational purposes. Colbert County Schools is now initiating a BYOD program allowing students to use their own devices in school. Regardless, students and parents should know that the use of any personally owned technology at school is a privilege, not a right. Students who abuse this privilege or who break other school rules may lose their BYOD privileges.

Students will be permitted to bring the following devices to school provided that they have their parent's permission.

- Laptops, netbooks, Chromebooks
- Tablets (iPad, Android tablets, etc.)
- E-readers (Kindle, Nook, etc.)
- Smartphones (iPhone, Android devices, Blackberry, etc.)

BYOD Rules and Conditions

1. Students must restrict their use of these devices to **Wi-Fi use only** so that all web content remains filtered.
2. Devices may not be used in the lunchroom, hallways, or any other area of the school except with the permission of a teacher. *Students may not use electronics of any kind on school buses.*
3. Students must only use their devices with their teacher's permission.
4. Colbert County Schools will not be held responsible for any physical damage, loss or theft of the personally owned device.
5. Colbert County Schools will not be held liable for any damage to personally owned devices that may occur as a result of connecting to the Wireless Network or any electrical power source.
6. Teachers and other staff will not store or hold on to devices. The owner will be responsible for the device at all times.

7. Students may not let other students operate their device.
8. Teachers and staff will not set up, support, repair or troubleshoot student devices, including problems accessing the wireless network.
9. All personally owned devices connecting to the Wireless Network must have up-to-date anti-virus software enabled.
10. The school will not provide wireless printing services for personal devices.
11. School officials may read, examine, or inspect the contents of any personally owned technology upon reasonable suspicion that the contents or recent utilization of the technology contains evidence of a violation of the Colbert County School's Student AUP or other school rules and policies, as well as any local, state, or federal laws. Colbert County School's employees have the right to confiscate devices and give them to administration if they suspect violations.
12. Illegal, destructive, harmful or any other inappropriate activities, including, but not limited to computer hacking, cyber-bullying, accessing offensive/obscene materials, engaging in illegal activity are strictly prohibited as set forth in the Colbert County Board of Education's Student AUP.
13. Students who do not adhere to this policy may be prohibited from bringing personally owned devices for the remainder of the school year and may face other consequences as set forth in Colbert County School's Student AUP or Student Handbook.
14. Students should never take pictures, record video, or record audio of others without their knowledge and permission. Students may immediately lose their BYOD privileges if they are found to have posted pictures, audio, or video recorded at school, of themselves or others, onto social media sites. The use of devices in restrooms or locker rooms is never allowed.
16. Devices should never be used to cheat on tests or on assignments.

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