

Dear Parent (s)/Guardian (s),

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, we utilize a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program here at Wiregrass Elementary. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. This document is a compact to which we will adhere as we establish this program within our school.

Definition of “Device”

For purposes of BYOD, “Device” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment. The device should be portable and used for word processing, reading, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording, and information transmitting/receiving/storing. This includes, but is not limited to: laptops, iPads, Nooks, Kindles, tablets, and Smart watches.

Security and Damages

The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches be used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety. Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions, which they will be educated on throughout the school year.

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The district is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- The student does not have a right to take, publish/post photographs or videos of others at school, as it may impact their individual rights of privacy.
- The device must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The student accesses only files on the device or Internet sites, which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student will only use the school network to access information while on school grounds.
- The student complies with teachers’ request to shut down the device or close the screen when not being used for instructional purposes.
- The student will follow all school rules and laws when using personal electronic devices at school
- The student will understand that their teachers and administrators have the right to access whatever they do online while in school if they are concerned about student safety or the safety of others.

My student and I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Device type that may be brought to school: _____