



Canyon ISD “Bring Your Own Technology” (BYOT) Responsible Use Guidelines

Purpose:

Canyon ISD uses instructional technology as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase technology access and highly engaged learning, Canyon ISD will allow personal mobile learning devices to be used for instructional purposes. Students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the following guidelines regarding BYOT will be allowed to bring their devices to school and connect to the filtered CISD Wi-Fi.

Students who are not able to bring their own personal mobile device will not be left out of learning activities or penalized in any way. Students without mobile devices will be given an opportunity to use a campus-owned device, partner with someone who has a device, or complete an assignment in an alternate way.

An important component of BYOT will be education about appropriate online behaviors. CISD students will receive Internet safety instruction including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and chat rooms. Cyberbullying awareness and response will also be part of this instruction.

In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices.

Device Types:

For the purpose of BYOT, the word “devices” will include Internet-ready cell phones, tablets, laptops, and eReaders. Please note that gaming devices with internet access are not permissible at this time.

Guidelines:

- Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOT must adhere to classroom and campus rules, the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy, and all Board policies.
- Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
- When students are not under the supervision of a BYOT instructor, students must abide by Canyon ISD’s Cell Phone Procedures for Students as outlined in the student handbook.
- As specified in the Student Code of Conduct, devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests.
- When accessing the web, devices may only be used to access Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.
- Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.
- All BYOT users are expected to abide by the rules of etiquette as outlined in the CISD Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct.

Network Considerations:

The BYOT classrooms will have Canyon ISD Wi-Fi for students to access the Internet. The Internet will be filtered just like it is on school-owned computers. Students **must** access the Wi-Fi connection and not their own 3G or 4G network. As students access the Wi-Fi, they will not be utilizing their personal data plan or minutes.

Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All users will use the wireless access provided by CISD. Canyon does not guarantee connectivity or quality of connection with personal devices but will provide trouble-shooting documentation on how to connect with a variety of operating systems and devices.

Security:

- Students are prohibited from:
 - Bringing a device on CISD premises that infects the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
 - Processing or accessing information or school property related to hacking, altering, or bypassing network security policies.

- Canyon ISD is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or is the source of an attack or virus infection.

Lost , Stolen, or Damaged Devices:

Each user is responsible for his/her own digital property and should treat it and use it responsibly and appropriately. Canyon ISD takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data on those devices. While school employees will help students identify how to keep personal devices secure, students will have the final responsibility for securing their personal devices.

Please permanently mark the student’s name and phone number on the device(s). Please consider an appropriate case to cover and protect the device. Padded backpacks specifically designed for devices are also helpful.

Usage Charges: Canyon ISD cannot be held responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

Return Signature Form Below

_____ I choose to participate in BYOT learning. I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

_____ I choose not to participate in the BYOT program at this time. I understand that even though I might have a cell phone with me, I will not be allowed to use it for instructional purposes since I have not signed and agreed to these terms. I also understand that I can join the pilot at any time throughout the year, but I will need to return a signed copy of these guidelines.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Device(s) student will be bringing to campus: _____

Please contact the BYOT classroom teacher or campus principal with questions.