

**Internet Acceptable Use – Bring Your Own Technology Regulation**

**Barrow County School System**  
**Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Regulation**

**1. Introduction**

The Barrow County School System's technology mission is to maximize the integration and use of instructional technologies to foster communication, collaboration, create engaging learning opportunities, to promote responsible digital citizenship, and to ensure an exceptional education for all students. Technology plays a large role in our students' lives and personal technology devices can enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at home and at school. Therefore, the Barrow County School System is implementing a Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) program to harness technology as a means of developing an environment that will support our mission. The district is committed to allowing responsible, learning-centered use of personal devices to provide as many pathways to understanding as possible for our students.

**2. BYOT Agreement**

This document is a contract, which outlines the guidelines and expectations for this program. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school's equipment. No student will be left out of instructional activities. If personal technology is used as an aid to classroom instruction, the teacher will make use of the technology devices present, possibly pairing students or placing them into groups.

The contents of this agreement may be modified by the administrative team of each school to fit the needs of the particular learning community. *However, any changes may not supersede the guidelines provided by the district's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).*

**3. BYOT Defined**

BYOT is an acronym for Bring Your Own Technology. A BYOT program establishes guidelines that permit students to bring their technology devices to school for academic use. Devices may range from handheld types to laptops. All devices must be capable of browsing the Internet and capable of connecting to the school system's Wi-Fi network.

**4. Plan**

Students in grades 3 - 12 may bring their own technology devices to their school campus. Use of personal devices in school is subject to the voluntary participation and discretion of teachers and staff. Students may only use personal devices when and as directed by their teacher.

All students will be expected to access the Internet through the wireless Internet service provided by the Barrow County School System, which will be available in every building. This network will provide the same level of filtered Internet access found on district-owned devices, which is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Prior to bringing a personal device or accessing the BCSS wireless network, students and parents will consent to the *BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT) ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DEVICE USE AGREEMENT*, which requires they use the provided network and accept the terms outlined in this regulation and in the agreement.

Students or parents who do not accept the terms of the agreement will not be able to access the BCSS wireless network with personal devices.

### 5. Personal Privacy

Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules. The use of the Barrow County School System’s wireless network also allows Information Technology (IT) staff to conduct investigations regarding inappropriate Internet use at any time, by administrator request. Therefore, users should not expect that files and communication are private. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of network and/or Internet access or files, including email. The BCSS reserves the right to monitor users’ online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary.

### 6. Network Security

**Access to the Barrow County School System network is a privilege, not a right.** The use of any technology, whether owned by the BCSS or devices owned by individuals, is subject to the same guidelines for acceptable use. Users will be expected to comply with BCSS rules and guidelines, use technology in a responsible manner, and honor the terms and conditions set by the classroom teacher, the school and the BCSS. This includes the use of the wireless network.

Students are not permitted to use computers or wireless devices that are logged into faculty or staff network user accounts.

### Consequences for Misuse/Disruption

Students will be held accountable for their actions and are encouraged to report any accidental misuse immediately to their teacher or school administration. Failure to comply with such terms and conditions may result in temporary or permanent loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal actions as deemed appropriate. Infractions that also violate the Student Code of Conduct will be handled at the discretion of the school’s administration.

#### Student Code of Conduct

Class of Offense	Examples
<p><b>Class I - Minor Offense</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electronic Devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student does not use electronic device as directed by classroom teacher.</li> <li>● Student accesses non-instructional sites/games.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Class II - Intermediate Offense</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inappropriate web sites, data or files</li> <li>● Misuse of computer password/access</li> <li>● Transmission of material, information, or software in violation of any local, state, or federal law (such as copyrighted materials, software piracy, etc).</li> <li>● Tampering with school equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student uses personal cellular data to access inappropriate content.</li> <li>● Student uses teacher network login to access filtered sites.</li> <li>● Student shares/posts personal information about self, other students, or faculty/staff.</li> <li>● Student’s device disrupts or harms school servers and/or the network.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Class III - Major Offenses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying (JCDA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student engages in any bullying activity, as defined in the Student Code of Conduct, via technology devices.</li> </ul>
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## 7. Student Participation in Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program

Students in grades 3 - 12 may bring their own technology devices to school campuses subject to accepting the definitions in this agreement and the terms below:

### a. Definition of “Technology”

For purposes of BYOT, “Technology” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable Internet devices, handheld entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/ receiving/ storing, etc.

### b. Internet Access

All Internet access shall occur only through the use of the school-provided wireless network. The use of cellular networks to access the Internet while on campus is not permitted.

### c. Security, Damages, and School System Liability

Participation in the BYOT program is voluntary; therefore responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The BCSS is not liable for any device stolen or damages to it on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. 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.

### d. Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. The primary purpose for allowing students to bring their own technology devices is to support learning. As such, a student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cellphone or other electronic device while at school without the approval of school personnel. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOT must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy IFBG). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional/personal purposes.
- The student shall not use his or her technology device to intimidate or bully others as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

- The student shall not use the device to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons (students or faculty) on campus during school activities and/or hours unless assigned by the teacher as allowed by the BCSS Media Release. Distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting an image or video online.
- The student accesses only files on the computer or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Non-instructional games and other non-instructional activities are not permitted.
- The use of personal devices is at the discretion of teachers and staff and must be used as and when directed by their teacher.
- The student complies with a teacher's request to put down and/or shut down the device whenever asked.

Students acknowledge and agree that:

- Personal devices are not permitted to be used in locker rooms, restrooms, and the nurse's office.
- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and no attempt to bypass them will be made.
- Personal devices, while used on campus, may be managed by mobile device management software to ensure compliance with this agreement and to facilitate instruction.
- Bringing on the school premises and/or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device at any time for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this agreement, investigating student discipline issues, or for any other school-related purpose.
- Personal technology must be charged prior to bringing it to school, and the device must run off its own battery while at school.
- Students remain subject to all other school behavior rules.

**PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMEBASE TEACHER.**

**BARROW COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)  
ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DEVICE USE AGREEMENT FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to let \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of parent or guardian**

**Name of student**

bring their personally owned technology device for instructional use in the Barrow County School System (BCSS). I understand that the student named above will be permitted to use their personally owned device, subject to the conditions in the BYOT regulation and in this document.

I understand that if I agree to allow my student to use their own device that the BCSS is not responsible for any device or data loss, theft, damage or other associated costs of replacement or repair incurred during the school day or at home as a result of participation in this program. I understand that if my device is damaged or stolen while on BCSS property, I will not hold the system liable for the replacement or repair of my device. I also understand that any data and/or SMS/MMS (texting) charges will not be reimbursed by the school system. I understand that BCSS Staff will be unable to store, support or troubleshoot student owned devices. The student named above will take full responsibility for the device and will appropriately secure all devices when not in use.

The BCSS uses technological measures such as filtering to promote internet safety. Filtering limits students' ability to access harmful Internet sites from any device connected to the BCSS network, but only when this equipment is used in school on the BCSS network. Access through cellular networks does not provide the same measures of filtering. Students are expected to only use the BCSS network (not private cellular service) for internet access while on BCSS property.

I have verified my student is aware that all aspects of the Barrow County School System's Student Responsible Use of Technology Resources regulation and Acceptable Use Policy apply to the use and care of their personal device while on BCSS property or while involved in any BCSS sponsored event/activity.

I understand that the purpose of allowing my student to use their own device is to participate in teacher approved activities in support of the BCSS curriculum. Uses of these devices for unrelated activities beyond or outside the BCSS educational program are prohibited.

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

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Date

**Student Acceptance:**

As a student of the Barrow County School System, I understand and will abide by the above regulation and guidelines and any other rules regarding the use of personal devices that may be added this school year. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network privileges, access to BCSS technology resources, and/or BYOT privileges as well as other disciplinary action. I will utilize the device(s) for instructional purposes only while at any BCSS school or on the BCSS network.

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Student Signature

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Student #

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Date