

2363 Student Use of Privately - Owned Technology

The South Brunswick School District recognizes technology is always changing and as a result of increased accessibility to technology many students possess technology devices for their use during non-school hours. These privately - owned devices might be beneficial to students during school hours for approved educational purposes. Therefore, the Board of Education will allow students **in grades 6-12** to use their privately - owned technology devices under conditions outlined in this Policy.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this Policy, “technology” means hardware or software.

For the purpose of this Policy, “privately-owned” means technology hardware and software that is purchased, owned, and maintained by the student at no expense to the school or school district.

For the purpose of this Policy, “hardware” means any device that can store, access, retrieve, and/or communicate data or information. “Hardware” may include, but is not limited to, any type of computer device such as laptop, iPad, tablet; mobile telephone such as cell phone or smart phone; electronic reader; personal digital assistant (PDAs); electronic device that plays music, video broadcasting and/or recording device; or camera.

For the purpose of this Policy, “software” means any computer program(s) or related data that provide instruction for telling a computer or other hardware device what to do and how to do it.

Decision to Use:

Each staff member (or department) will make the decision as to whether the students will use privately – owned technology in the instructional environment. Based on assignment or the nature of a class, the staff member **may approve the use, or may prohibit the use**, of privately – owned technology.

The decision for a student to bring privately - owned technology to school for use during the day is made by the parents in conjunction with their students. Students must discuss and gain approval from their parents for bringing their privately - owned technology to school. The Acceptable Use Policy (A.U.P). outlines the terms and conditions that apply to the privately - owned technology once on school grounds (the instructional environment) including on the school buses. Students will not be penalized if they do not bring their own technology to school. Students will not be required to share privately – owned technology with other students.

Acceptable Use:

A student granted such approval to bring and/or use privately – owned technology must comply with the Code of Student Conduct, the District Acceptable Use Policy (A,U.P.), the Student Use of Privately-Owned Devices Policy and the Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.) Policy Guidelines regarding acceptable use of technology. Any use of privately - owned technology by a student shall be in strict accordance with the teaching staff member’s specific approval(s) and



Board policies and regulations. Any violation will subject the student to appropriate discipline and/or grading consequences as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and the A.U.P.

Network Access:

Students who bring their own technology to school will be expected to access the District Network while in school. A “splash screen” or “welcome screen” will direct students as they are entering the network. The Network filters will be applied.

Equitable Access:

The staff member, in considering the use of privately - owned technology, will ensure such approval does not provide any advantage or benefit to the student who owns such technology over the student who does not own such technology. The staff member will not approve the use of privately - owned technology if the staff member determines the use would be advantageous or beneficial to the student who owns such technology over the student who does not own such technology.

Responsibility:

The school district assumes no responsibility for any privately - owned technology brought to school by a student. The student shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any privately - owned technology brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any privately - owned technology.

Security:

The school district shall assume no responsibility for the security of or damage to any privately - owned technology brought to school by a student. Students are encouraged to purchase private insurance for loss, damage, or theft of any privately - owned technology the student brings to school.

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