

BYOD AT SCISD

Some frequently asked questions:

- Is it mandatory for my student to bring a device to school? **NO!** This policy and practice is **COMPLETELY OPTIONAL!** You may also want to consider that the SCISD will in no way be held responsible if the device is lost, damaged, or stolen.
- If my student brings a device can they still use the school's laptops and computer equipment? **YES!** The purpose for the inclusion of BYOD is for students to multi-task with many devices. It is feasible for a student to be on their iPad looking up research material and also typing their paper on a SCISD notebook.
- What kind of device would be good for students? Any device that is large enough to type with and has wireless Internet access, i.e. iPads, ChromeBooks, laptops, Surface and even Kindle Fires or Barnes and Noble's tablets are all good devices.
- Is the Internet filtered? **YES.** Our wireless guest network as well as all wireless networks go through a **LIGHTSPEED** Internet filter monitored by SCISD.
- Can my student use a phone in class? (by special permission **ONLY**) There may be exceptions where a teacher **MAY** permit the use of mobile devices such as phone, but it will be per teacher and only on specific projects. Devices like phones or iPads **MAY NOT USE DATA** cards in class. They must use the filtered SCISD wireless network provided by SCISD.

Bring Your Own Device Policies (BYOD)

Rationale

Our students use technology to learn. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's democratic societies. While we want our students to be active contributors in our connected world, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. This **RESPONSIBLE** User Policy (RUP) supports our vision of technology use and upholds in our students a strong sense of digital citizenship.

How We Use Technology

The integrated information technology program at SCISD (Schleicher County Independent School District) develops in our students the literacy and spatial skills they need to contribute in a connected world. We use technology to facilitate creativity and innovation. We use technology to support communication and collaboration. We use technology to extend research and information fluency, to collect and analyze data and to solve problems. We develop in our students a sound understanding of technology operations and concepts. We believe technology can be transformative and we encourage students to use technology to do what they could not otherwise do. We create a safe, online environment for everyone. Filtering hardware/software keeps unwanted sites off our computers, and adults supervise our students' computer activities at school.

Our Hardware and Software

Our students can access the Internet via both wired and wireless filtered connections that cover the entire school district. We have more than 700 hundred computers\iPads\laptops and other internet devices distributed throughout our campuses. We provide all students 2nd-12th email and MS Office through O365. Students 2nd through 7th grades are restricted to email within our district. Students may use other cloud storage drives such as DropBox and GoogleDrive to enhance their storage access but to share documents with teachers, O365 must be used in SCISD classwork. All students have access to a standard suite of software to support their learning needs on district supplied systems. Students are also allowed to bring their own laptops, tablets, etc., provided they have been issued a Conditional TAG (EAGLE with BYOD) from the campus administration to be placed on device.

Personal 4G/LTE devices, air-cards, or personal routers (tether or hotspot) will NOT be permitted but smart phone devices may access our filtered guest network at any time.

BYOD STICKER



Being a Digital Citizen

We use information and technology in safe, legal, and responsible ways. We embrace the following conditions or facets of being a digital citizen.

Respect Yourself: I will select online names that are appropriate, and I will adhere to District Guidelines when posting information and images online. I will not share inappropriate information or graphics with others.

Protect Yourself: I will not publish my personal details, contact details, or a schedule of my activities.

Respect Others: I will not use technologies to bully or tease other people.

Protect Others: I will protect others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications.

Respect Intellectual Property: I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.

Protect Intellectual Property: I will request to use the software and media others produce.

Before a student can use their personal device in a SCISD classroom, the parents and students MUST complete the attached form and return it to the campus secretary. The student will be given a BYOD sticker that shows the teacher and administrators that the device has met the required releases to use on our network and in class.

More information may be found on SCISD website at <http://www.scisd.net> or you may contact the

SCISD technology director at 325-650-9553.

CONTRACT FOR BYOD

I understand and will follow SCISD's Responsible Use Policy while using my personal technology tools in the district. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action.

I also understand that my school network resources and e-mail accounts are owned by SCISD and are not private. SCISD has the right to access my information at any time.

I understand that the SCISD is in no way responsible for the loss or damage of any personal equipment. The District recommends that you purchase personal insurance to cover your equipment.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Responsible Use Policy. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of Schleicher County ISD, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand Schleicher County ISD is not responsible for technology devices that are brought to school from home by students or faculty members. This includes maintenance, support, software, damage or theft. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

I hereby give permission for my child to bring the following device to school for educational purposes:

_____ Make _____ Model

_____ Serial Number _____ Approximate Value

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____ Phone Number: _____