

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Braxton County Schools “Bring Your Own Device” (B.Y.O.D.)**

**Responsible Use Guidelines for Students**

**Purpose:**

*Braxton County Schools uses instructional technology as one way of enhancing our mission to engage, promote and partner with parents, staff and the community to ensure that ALL students meet or exceed state academic learning standards. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase access to those 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS will allow personal devices on our guest network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the attached guidelines regarding B.Y.O.D. as long as such use supports the educational process, the user registers the device with the building administrator, and the use complies with all E-rate rules and regulations and Braxton County Board policies and procedures.*

*Braxton County Schools strives to provide appropriate and adequate technology to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is optional, and students who do not participate in B.Y.O.D. will not be penalized and alternate modes of participation will be available.*

*An important component of B.Y.O.D will be education about appropriate online behaviors. We will review cyber-safety rules with students frequently throughout the course of the school year and will offer reminders and reinforcement about safe online behaviors. 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. The use of technology is not a necessity but a privilege. When abused, privileges will be taken away appropriate disciplinary measures may be taken.*

**Device Types:**

*For the purpose of this program, the word “devices” will include: laptops, netbooks, cell phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, and eReaders. Please note that Nintendo DS (and/or other gaming devices with internet access) is not permissible at this time.*

**Guidelines:**

- *Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy and all Board Policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use.*
- *Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.*
- *Approved devices must be in silent mode while on school campus, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher and must connect to the network provided by Braxton County Schools in order to be in compliance with required policies. Headphones may be used with teacher permission.*
- *Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments, quizzes, or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and messaging).*
- *Using a wireless device to establish a wireless network, including tethering or mobile hotspots, is prohibited. Using a device for the purpose of accessing and/or viewing websites that are otherwise blocked is prohibited.*
- *Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons on campus during school hours or during school activities, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.*
- *Devices may only be used to access computer files on internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.*

**Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that:**

- *The school's network filters will be applied to a device's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.*
- *Braxton County Schools is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.*
- *Students are prohibited from:*
  - *Bringing a device on 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 on school property related to "hacking." Altering or bypassing network security policies.*
- *Students and parents should be aware that devices are subject to search by school administrators if the device is suspected of a violation of the student code of conduct. If the device is locked or password protected the student will be required to unlock the device at the request of a school administrator.*
- *Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.*

- *Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school. Charging of devices will not be permitted at any BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOL.*

***Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Devices:***

*Each user is responsible for his/her own device and should use it responsibly and appropriately. Braxton County Schools 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 check with your homeowner's policy regarding coverage of personal electronic devices.*

***Usage Charges:***

*Braxton County Schools is not responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.*

***Network Considerations:***

*Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All users MUST use the "BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS designated student wireless network to access the internet. Wired network connectivity is prohibited as is use of cell phone data plans. BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS does not guarantee connectivity or the quality of the connection with personal devices. Devices not connected to the designated student network should not be used. Braxton County Technology department is not responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student tech devices.*

*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. During the course of the school year, additional rules regarding the use of personal devices may be added.*

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Signature of student

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date