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# STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**POLICY TITLE:** BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

**POLICY NUMBER:** #6141.328

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## **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Technology in the Schools**

Technology use is everywhere in our world today. The Board of Education believes schools should play a role in teaching students to use technology appropriately. , it is important to guide them in developing the skills needed to be productive digital citizens Access to the District’s wireless network, including the Internet, shall be made available to students for instructional purposes in accordance with administrative regulations. Secondary students have access to 1:1 chromebooks rendering using their own devised from home unnecessary. Elementary students have access to adequate chomebooks in their classes, as well.

### **Definition of “Device”**

For purposes of BYOD, a “device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod Touches, e-Readers, cell, smart phones and other comparable devices, including earbuds (airpods)

### **Internet**

The only internet gateway that may be accessed while in the Stratford Public Schools is the one provided by the District. Any device brought to the Stratford Public Schools will not be permitted to use district internet sources or outside internet sources

Personal internet connective devices, such as but not limited, to cell phones/cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

### **Software**

Many software packages are now available as web browser applications. This negates the need for the district to have required programs loaded onto student computers. Students can access what they will need through web browser.

### **Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Stratford Public School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office as other personal items that are stolen or damaged. It is recommended that skins, decals, and other custom touches be used to identify physically a student’s device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

## **Bring Your Own Device/Technology Student and Parent Agreement**

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student does not have the unfettered right to use his/her electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

With the implementation of chromebooks, personal devices are not necessary for educational purposes. In fact, they are a distraction from the educational environment and will not be permitted.

All cell phones and other personal devices, including ear buds are not permitted to be used during school hours with the exception of the student's scheduled lunch period.

(cf. 5114 – Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5132.81 – Use of Electronic Devices)

(cf. 5131.911 – Bullying)

(cf. 5131.913 – Cyberbullying)

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

(cf. 5136.5 – Acceptable Computer Use Policy)

(cf. 4118.41 – Online Social Networking)

Legal Reference:      Connecticut General Statutes

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## **Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement Stratford Public Schools**

The use of technology to provide educational material is a privilege at school that we wish all students to have. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment tremendously.

Students and parents will no longer be allowed to bring their own device. Use of chromebooks must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as well as all Board policies, particularly the Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety. Additionally, students must adhere to the following:

School assigned Devices are to be used for instructional purposes connected to the approved curriculum, not to cheat on assignments or tests, not to make personal phone calls, not to send text messages, and not to post information, photos, or videos not authorized by the teacher.

### **Students acknowledge the following:**

- Only the school's Internet will be accessed. Attempts will not be made to bypass the local connection.
- The District's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- Only authorized data can be accessed. Infecting the network with a virus, Trojan, program designed to damage, alter, or destroy the network, hacking, altering, or bypassing security policies are not allowed and are considered a violation of the school's Code of Conduct. Discipline will be based upon the nature of the violation and consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- The school District may request to collect and examine any device if there is a reasonable suspicion of violating policy or may be the source of an attack or virus infection.
- All data must be stored on the student's hard drive. Backing up the data through a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device regularly is strongly encouraged.
- As we are working to achieve a more paperless environment, printing from personal laptops will not be possible.
- As we do not have enough outlets for students to charge their devices in classrooms, each student must charge his or her own device prior to bringing it to school daily.
- Using a personal device to transmit or share inappropriate content during the school day will result in the implementation of appropriate consequences. Additional consequences may be applied depending upon the severity of the infraction. Transmission of material of a bullying nature or sexual nature will not be tolerated in accordance with the District's bullying policy (Policy #5131.911) or other applicable Board of Education policies.
- Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.

**Form 1**  
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Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_