

Alcona Community High School



Bring Your Own Technology Policy

Purpose: *To clearly and succinctly document our school or district's policy for BYOT devices on-campus which are aligned with the Student Handbook and Board of Education policies.*

Audience: *All students, school staff, parents, and visiting professionals that access school Wi-Fi networks, and/or use electronic devices to complete school work or self-directed learning or recreational activities while on-campus.*

Definition: *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT), refers to any student-owned electronic device used to complete assignments, projects, and other work in pursuit of mastery of a documented curriculum in a given content area. It may be used during the school day in green light classrooms or before school, lunch, or after school.*

What You Can Use: *A device is prohibited if it is or otherwise potentially hazardous to the health of users, staff, or students, or to hardware and software owned by the school or students. This means Android phones, iPhones, iPads, Google Tablets, Windows Phones, BlackBerry's and other smartphones (or dumb phones) and tablets are approved if they allow you to complete your work without burdening school resources, or the academic performance of your peers.*

When in Doubt, Ask: *Contact a school staff member right away and ask if you're unsure about a resource, network, app, or any related device use. We want you to benefit academically from the use of your device without damaging your device, or getting yourself in trouble. When in doubt, ask.*

Viruses & Malware: *Device security is the responsibility of the owner. Any device that threatens that security of your device, or the software and hardware around you needs to be turned off and/or otherwise corrected.*

Other Risks: *Device theft, password security, damage from environmental hazards and dropping, and interference from nearby devices are your responsibility to prevent, recognize, and/or correct.*

Jurisdiction: *This policy applies to on-Campus (on school property) and off-Campus in pursuit of completing school assignments and/or documented curriculum in a given content area.*

Digital Citizenship: **One definition of digital citizenship** is “the self-monitored habits that sustain and improve the digital communities you enjoy or depend on.” *Keep this in mind every time you send a text, update a social media profile, share a selfie, or recommend a resource to a friend, at school or at home. Your digital actions and behavior are not only permanent, but deeply impact those around you, even if it’s not always immediately apparent how. You matter!*

Training: *Training is not provided for use of individual devices, apps, or platforms. One of the goals of BYOT is for you to use a device that you’re comfortable with and accustomed to using under a variety of circumstances. If you can’t use the device, app, or website, try another. Ask your friends. Ask your family. Ask your teachers. There are a lot of great resources out there.*

Bad Decisions: *Any device use outside of the documented curriculum goals of a given classroom is prohibited, and in some cases punishable by law. Disrespectful communication, cyberbullying, spamming, sexting, copyright infringement, trolling (yes, trolling is bad) circumventing district filters or related device monitoring, and other abuses of technology will be documented, possibly leading to the loss of BYOT privileges, and enforcement by relevant law enforcement agencies.*

Your Rights

1. You have the right to not use your own device with permission of a teacher during the school day.
2. You have the right to a safe and intellectually learning environment.
3. You have the right to understand policies, rules, and other “school stuff” that is either vague or unclear.
4. You have a choice to follow the above guidelines, or to not follow the above guidelines. You have the choice to make good decisions, or not, to find “holes” in our policy or not, and to demonstrate digital citizenship or not. Integrity is what you do when no one’s looking, and showing the integrity you have inside of you is also your choice. When you struggle making good decisions, we will respond in support of you, your peers, and the overall integrity of the learning in this school and district. In that way, you have a right to curriculum and instruction, but not to use your own devices to fulfill the obligations of that curriculum and instruction.

The learning is a right, but due to the extraordinary potential of a connected device, technology is not.

