

Norwich Public Schools Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. BYOD is an initiative that addresses the use of personal electronic devices that are brought to the schools. For the purposes of BYOD, “device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment.

I. Permissibility of each type of electronic device is described as follows:

A. Disruptive or Forbidden Personal Electronic Devices

Recording devices, radios, pagers, routers, mifi devices, and laser pointers may be distracting in the educational environment. As such, these devices **are not permitted** in any area of Norwich Public Schools.

B. Non-disruptive Personal Electronic Devices

The categories of non-disruptive devices are laptop computers, digital tablets, eReaders, digital watches, smart (or mobile) phones, and audio players. Student use of BYODs is allowed only with permission of school personnel or as indicated per student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The misuse of non-disruptive personal electronic devices (as defined above) includes:

1. Use of any electronic device in a classroom or other area of school not authorized by school personnel
2. Any violation of the Norwich Public Schools *Computing Device Acceptable Use Policy 6141.32* with a personally- owned device.
3. Calling, texting, emailing, or electronically communicating with others from their personal device (including other students, parents, guardians, friends, and family during the school day).
4. Listening to video or audio without headphones or earbuds OR without permission of teacher
5. Use of headphones/earbuds at a volume level where others can hear.
6. Use of personal electronic device in testing sessions
7. Use of the camera feature on their electronic device to capture, record or transmit audio, video, or still photographs of other students, faculty, or staff.
8. Use of mobile phones for any voice, image, video or text communication **is not permitted** during school hours. Mobile phones **must** be turned off or muted during school hours and stored in students’ lockers or backpacks.

II. Internet Connection

Students are NOT to access the Internet on any personal electronic device via their cell phone service, personal hotspot (mifi device), or proxy server which will bypass the required filters that are in place and required by Children’s Information Protection Act (CIPA).

III. Lost or Damaged Device

Norwich Public Schools assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a personal electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices to the District at their own risk.

IV. Charging Stations

It is expected the BYODs are fully charged at home. Charging stations, cords, adapters, or power plugs will not be provided.

V. Printing

BYODs will not be enrolled in the District's Local Area Network (LAN). Therefore, printing is not allowed.

VI. Technology Services

District technicians will not diagnose problems, retrieve lost files, transfer information, or upgrade operating systems on BYODs.

The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred. Students violating this BYOD policy may have their device confiscated and held by the administration. Additional consequences may apply, depending on the severity of the violation.

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