



Stevenson Ranch School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive education benefits for classroom instruction. Students now possess devices that can take the place of traditional books or reference materials and provide access to personal software that enhance the educational experience. Because of this changing environment, our school is allowing students to bring their own technology to campuses as long as the policy and expectations within this Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy are adhered to.

Definition of Technology

For purposes of BYOD, “device” means personally owned wireless portable electronic equipment used for instructional purposes. Recognizing the rapidly changing world of technology, the list of allowed devices, such as smartphones, laptops, netbooks, tablet computers and eReaders will be reviewed annually.

Internet

Wireless Internet access will not be supplied by Newhall School District (NSD). Due to concerns about potential inappropriate use and website access, cellular (3G, 4G) network connection is not permitted to be used by students to access the Internet at any time while on campus or while in route to or from campus.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep privately owned devices secure rests with the individual owner. The Newhall School District, our school, its staff or employees, are 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 in the same manner as other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations.

Student Agreement

The use of personal technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. If device use is abused, misused, or used in a way that disrupts the school environment, privileges will be taken away. When respected, privileges will benefit the learning environment.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to all Board policies and the NSD Acceptable Use Policy. Additionally:

- ⦿ Students take full responsibility for personal digital devices at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the device.
- ⦿ The device must be in silent mode while on school campuses unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- ⦿ The device may not be used for non-instructional purposes, texting, cyberbullying, or accessing inappropriate content while on campus.
- ⦿ The device may not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours unless assigned by the teacher.
- ⦿ The device may only be used to access files which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Non-instructional games are not permitted.
- ⦿ Students must comply with teachers’ request to turn off the device.

Students acknowledge and agree that:

- ⦿ They will not access cellular (3G, 4G) Internet or phone services while on campus or to and from campus, except in an emergency.
- ⦿ A teacher may take possession of any device at any time for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this agreement, investigating student discipline issues, or for any other school-related purpose. The teacher who detected misuse will turn the device over to the administrator of the school.
- ⦿ Personal technology must be charged prior to bringing it to school and the device must run off its own battery while at school.
- ⦿ Students remain subject to all other school behavior rules.

Parents verify that they have applied all possible parental controls and filters available on the device and software so that the student and others cannot be exposed to inappropriate content.

I understand and will abide by the above guidelines. I further understand that any violation is inappropriate use and may result in the loss of my use of personal device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Printed student name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____