

The District recognizes the importance and potential educational benefits of technology. The use of portable electronic devices in the classroom can add educational value when such devices deliver content and extend, enhance, or reinforce the student-learning process. Classroom teachers shall determine the appropriateness of in-class use of electronic devices, consistent with District instructional objectives, District policies, and with the approval of the building principal.

The Board directs the Superintendent to work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure that Board-approved Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) programs are implemented in a way that is mindful of available and required infrastructure, digital equity issues, student and system safety issues, and the need for all students to be able to access a device. The Superintendent may convene a taskforce including such members as teachers, principals, parents, technology staff, and/or students to set guidelines about the use of BYOT devices

The District respects each parent(s)/guardian(s) right to decide whether or not to provide the student with a device for this program.

Students at the high school level are permitted to use approved personal electronic devices for educational purposes under the direction of a classroom teacher.

Neither the District nor any of its schools is liable for any device that is stolen, lost, or damaged on District property or proceeding to or from District property, whether due to the action/inaction of the student or that of any third party. The student and his or her parent/guardian shall be solely responsible for any such loss, theft, or damage. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the principal's office the same as other personal items that are stolen or damaged. It is recommended that skins, decals, and other school-appropriate custom touches be used to identify physically a student's device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

RULES REGARDING USE OF BYOT DEVICES

Personal electronic devices may only be used in a responsible and legal manner, and may not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process and/or is contrary to any District policy, procedure, or rule. Students using their own devices are subject to District acceptable use guidelines, BYOT guidelines, student conduct and discipline rules, and all other Board policies and procedures and school rules. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices in the classroom and in disciplinary action as appropriate.

Students may only use a personally-owned device as part of the BYOT program once the Bring Your Own Technology Permission Form and the Participating Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement attached to this Policy and the Internet Access Conduct Agreement attached to Board Policy 502.17 – District-Provided Access to

Electronic Information, Services, and Networks are signed by both the student and parent(s)/guardian(s), and are on file with the school.

The following personal electronic devices may be used in BYOT programs:

1. Laptop computers;
2. Tablet PCs;
3. E-readers;
4. Devices approved by Building Principal.

To ensure compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, students using their own electronic devices may access only the wireless Internet provided by the District. Internet access from outside sources, such as using a data plan associated with a personally-owned device, is not permitted on school grounds. Students are prohibited from attempting to bypass the District’s Internet gateway, and are directed to report any inappropriate content and conduct to their classroom teacher. If a student accesses the Internet from outside sources, at a minimum, the student will lose the privilege to participate in the BYOT program.

Students may only access files and sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested or authorized by a teacher. Teachers shall closely supervise students to ensure appropriate use of technology in the classrooms.

BYOT activities are implemented at the discretion of classroom teachers and building administrators. BYOT devices shall be turned off unless students have been directed to use them. Students are to turn off and keep BYOT devices in the sight of the teacher during assessments unless otherwise directed by a teacher. Any teacher’s instruction to shut down BYOT devices or to close the screen are to be followed immediately. All BYOT devices must be kept in silent mode unless otherwise directed by the classroom teacher.

Students shall charge all BYOT devices prior to school every day. Because power cords stretched across classrooms can become a safety issue both for the students and devices, charging the device in any classroom, hallway, or any other location that may be a safety concern is prohibited. Personally-owned devices cannot be left on school grounds before or after school hours.

The District will not service, repair, or maintain any non-District owned technology brought to and used at school by students.

When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without an approved, charged personal device, will be provided access to an appropriate District-owned digital device. Students may not share any BYOT device with another student unless their parent(s)/guardian(s) has approved this in writing and the teacher has directed it.

Violations of any Board policies, regulations, or school rules involving a student's personal electronic device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal electronic device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, regulations, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal electronic device. Any search will be conducted in compliance with Board policies.

The controls on electronic communication devices contained in this Policy do not apply to special education or Section 504 students or students with an Individualized Education Plan when any of these or other such similar plans conflict with uses outlined herein.

BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT NAME (PRINT): _____ SCHOOL YEAR: _____

Dear Parents/Guardians:

St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 allows students to participate in a curriculum-based Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program. Signed agreement to the following terms and discussing them with your student are required before your student can participate in the District's BYOT Program.

Students must also sign the Internet Access Conduct Agreement set forth in Board Policy 502.17 – District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks to participate in the BYOT Program. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should also read and sign the Internet Access Conduct Agreement. If parent(s)/guardian(s) do not know whether or not the proper documentation is already on file in the District, parent(s)/guardian(s) should contact the building principal. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may also ask the building principal for any other policies, procedures, or forms referenced below.

The use of an approved personal electronic device is a privilege and students may be denied access at any time. The violation of any laws or District policies while participating in the program may result in the loss of the student's privilege to participate in the program.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) should sign below, indicating whether they agree to allow the student to participate in the BYOT Program. The signed form should be returned to the student's appropriate building principal at:

St. Maries High School
424 Hells Gulch Road
St. Maries, ID 83861

St. Maries Community Education Center
422 Hells Gulch Road
St. Maries, ID 83861

Parents/guardians and their students share the responsibility for technical support and providing a properly charged BYOT device. If a BYOT device has technical difficulties a District-owned device may be provided, if available, or the student may be asked to partner with another student who has a functioning BYOT device during a lesson. The District will also expect the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student to keep the BYOT device free from viruses, malware, and/or any other harmful programs that could damage the District's electronic network. Neither the District, nor any of its schools, is liable for any device that is stolen, lost, or damaged on District property or proceeding to or from District property, whether due to the action/inaction of the student or that of any third person. Finally, the right to privacy in a student's BYOT device is limited while it is on any District property.

PARTICIPATING AUTHORIZATION AND RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT

Please indicate agreement by initialing in the space available.

_____ I hereby request that my student be allowed to participate in the District’s BYOT program.

_____ I have read this Agreement. I understand the program is designed for educational purposes and that the District’s Internet gateway must be accessed to minimize access to inappropriate material. I also understand that at no time shall there be any attempt to bypass the District’s Internet gateway or the use of any private Internet access.

_____ I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, and the Board of Trustees for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the District’s network.

_____ I have previously signed the Internet Access Conduct Agreement attached to Board Policy 502.17 – District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks. I have also read and discussed with my student the following documents. My student and I agree to abide by these policies, procedures, and forms.

- Board Policy 505.10 - Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program and related Bring Your Own Technology Permission Form
- Board Policy 502.17 – District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, Networks and related Internet Access Conduct Agreement

_____ I understand that my student and I share responsibility for technical support, providing a properly charged BYOT device, and keeping the BYOT device free from viruses, malware, and any other harmful programs that could harm or infect the District’s electronic network.

_____ I understand that the District does not provide liability protection for BYOT devices, and is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft whether caused by my student or any third party.

_____ I understand that my student’s privacy rights in his or her BYOT device while on any school property are limited as outlined in District policy.

_____ I consent that my student may share another student’s BYOT device, or may be asked to share his or her BYOT device with another student, from time to time as directed by the classroom teacher.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be read and signed by any student and parent/guardian who elects NOT to participate in the BYOT Program:

I have decided to **not participate** in the BYOT program sponsored by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 for the remainder of this school year. In order for my student to participate in the BYOT program at a later date, I understand that I must contact the building principal and sign the above Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Permission Form.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Policy Cross Reference:

Board Policy 502.06	Search and Seizure
Board Policy 502.14	Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Menacing
Board Policy 502.17	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
Board Policy 505.06	Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices

Legal Reference:

P.L. 106-55420 U.S.C. §6801, et seq.	Children's Internet Protection Act
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