

Responsible Use for Student Owned Devices (Bring Your Own Device- BYOD)

Birdville ISD recognizes that allowing students to bring personally-owned devices has the potential to enhance the educational experience for its learner. **Please be aware that there may be some challenges with any personal device connecting to our secured network.**

Campus Principals will ultimately determine whether or not students will be allowed to bring personally owned devices to their school. This document serves to provide important information & parameters for this option.

BYOD Software

A list of available software can be found in the Birdville ISD Classlink Portal.

Content Filtering

Birdville ISD provides filtered Internet access and monitors user activity on the District's network, including sites visited, content viewed and communications sent and received. The District may examine a student's personal device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines regarding access to the network or use of the device have been violated per Student Code of Conduct.

Personal Device Accountabilities

Birdville ISD Responsibilities

- Birdville ISD is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. When bringing personally owned electronic devices to school, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that his/her device is secured.
- Birdville ISD assumes no responsibility for service charges students might incur while using personal devices. This includes, but is not limited to, charges related to data plans, texting fees and security programs.
- Birdville ISD will not provide IT support or additional electrical power access or network drops to support student personally-owned devices.

Student Responsibilities

When students bring personally owned devices to school, they must follow all Responsible Use Procedures for District Technologies as well as the following guidelines:

- Student use of personally-owned electronic devices, including cell phones, within instructional settings should not interfere with teaching and learning and will be used only as directed by the teacher. Use of personally -owned devices will not be required of students.

- Students shall not use electronic devices to annoy or harass others with unacceptable language, images or threats.
- When not in use for approved instructional purposes, these devices must be silenced.
- Students should respect each other's' property. If a student makes the decision to share his/her personally owned device with others, the owner is responsible for the device.
- Personal devices shall not impair the security of the Birdville ISD network. Students are expected to maintain up to date antivirus and antispyware protection on all devices that are connected to the Birdville ISD wireless network. Devices without up to date security programs may be denied access to the network.
- Students shall not use personal devices for district or state assessments.

Consequences for Responsible Use Violation

In accordance with the Birdville ISD Student Handbook, violations of this agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges, school disciplinary action, and civil and/or criminal prosecution. Students and their parents should be aware that e-mail and other electronic communications and, if applicable, text messaging and social media using district provided resources are not private, will be monitored by district staff, and are subject to Open Records requests.