

**SUBJECT: B.Y.O.D. (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE)****Purpose**

Gouverneur Central School District uses instructional technology as one way of enhancing our mission to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase access to those 21st Century skills, Gouverneur Central School District will allow personal devices on our guest network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the attached guidelines regarding B.Y.O.D.

Gouverneur Central School District strives to provide appropriate and adequate technology to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is optional.

In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices. The use of technology is not a necessity but a privilege. When abused, privileges will be taken away.

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system ("DCS" hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet." It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

**Device Types:**

For the purpose of this program, the word "devices" will include: laptops, netbooks, Chromebooks, cell phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, and eReaders. Please note that Nintendo DS (and/or other gaming devices with internet access) is not permissible at this time.

**Technology Resources:**

The Gouverneur Central School District's technology resources include but are not limited to the following resources: network, Internet, computer hardware, software, printers, servers, stored text, data files, electronic mail, optical media, digital images, and new technologies as they become available.

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- a) Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy and all Board Policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use.
- b) Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
- c) Approved devices must be in silent mode while on school campus, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Headphones may be used with teacher permission.
- d) Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments, quizzes, or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text messaging).
- e) Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons on campus during school hours or during school activities, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- f) Devices may only be used to access computer files on internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.

**Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that:**

- a) The school's network filters will be applied to a device's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
- b) Gouverneur Central School District is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- c) User accounts are considered the property of the school district. Network administrators may review devices to maintain system integrity and to insure that users are using the system responsibly. While user files will not be examined without reasonable cause, users should not expect that anything stored on the school's network will be private.
- d) Students are prohibited from:

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1. Bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
  2. Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking.” Altering or bypassing network security policies.
- e) Students and parents should be aware that devices are subject to search by school administrators if the device is suspected of a violation of the student code of conduct. If the device is locked or password protected the student will be required to unlock the device at the request of a school administrator.
- f) Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.
- g) Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.

Charging of devices will not be permitted at Gouverneur Central School District.

**Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Devices:**

Each user is responsible for his/her own device and should use it responsibly and appropriately. Gouverneur Central School District takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data on those devices. While school employees will help students identify how to keep personal devices secure, students will have the final responsibility for securing their personal devices. Please check with your homeowner’s policy regarding coverage of personal electronic devices, as many insurance policies can cover loss or damage.

**Network Considerations:**

Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All users will use the school’s designated wireless network to access the internet. Gouverneur Central School District does not guarantee connectivity or the quality of the connection with personal devices. Gouverneur Central School’s Instructional Technology department is not responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student owned tech devices.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7370 – Student Use of Computerized Information (Acceptable Use Policy)  
Policy #8271 – Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy  
*District Code of Conduct on School Property*

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