

Frequently Asked Questions

What is BYOT?

Bring Your Own Technology is a CMS initiative to allow students to use their own technology at specified times during the day to enhance the learning experience. Examples of the types of technology which can be used are: laptops, eBook readers, iPads, Smartphones, etc. To enable this, we will have an active wireless network at schools in the BYOT initiative. We have chosen 21 schools for the first phase and we expect that all schools will ultimately participate.

Will the Student Internet Use Agreement be revised to include BYOT?

The *BYOT* guidelines have been added to Regulation *IJNDB-R*, Student Internet Use, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Can the guest network be opened only for staff and not students?

When we activate the guest network for a school, any device can access the guest network regardless of who owns it (students, staff or visitors). The guest network cannot discern who the device belongs to. This network has the filters required by federal law for students.

Why am I filtered on my own device?

Student and adult (an exception is made for research) filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered in a public school, regardless of the device used to access it. The network you are using while at school belongs to CMS and will be filtered.

Will there be a permission form that needs to be signed before a student brings a personal device to school?


There is no district special-permission form to be signed. Students have already signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and the Code of Conduct. However, some schools may require an additional permission form.

I brought my device to school and my teacher will not allow me to use it. What do I do? The teacher is in charge of classroom procedures, including internet access. Although access is available, it is not guaranteed for every classroom situation.

Can a student's BYOT privilege be revoked?

Yes. If a student is not following the developed guidelines for the use of a personally owned device, an administrator can revoke the privilege through the regular discipline process.

How can a teacher or staff member tell if a student is using a 3G/4G wireless connection to the Internet rather than the school's wireless access?

It can be difficult to discern. However, if a staff member sees a student accessing a website that is typically blocked from the CMS network, the student is likely on 3G/4G connection. If the student is connected to a wireless network the  symbol will be displayed. The most effective way to make sure the rules are followed is observation of what students are accessing.

I have a data plan from a provider (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon etc.) on my digital device that allows internet access without using the CMS student access. Is this allowable?

Students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) when accessing the internet through any device. Students should not access the internet through any cellular data provider while on campus.

Am I still held accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy I agreed to at the beginning of the school year, even though this is my own personal computer?

Yes. The Acceptable Use Policy for CMS remains in effect even when you are using your own computing device. Violating the terms of the policy is a violation of the student code of conduct.

How will theft, loss, or damage of a personally owned device be handled in a school?

Guidelines for the *BYOT* program specifically address the risk of students bringing their own devices to school. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.