



A+ MPE - Grades 3-5

What is BYOT?

BYOT stands for Bring Your Own Technology. BYOT is not a program and it does not change what we do in the classroom, with the exception of allowing students to bring their devices into the classroom. It provides guidelines and expectations as well as a Responsible Use Policy that must be followed.

How is BYOT used in the classroom?

Technology can deepen the learning process and actively engage students in their learning. Our students will use their own devices in many ways from research, note taking and vocabulary definition to creating projects/videos/songs, etc. demonstrating their knowledge of standards. BYOT is a tool (like a pencil or marker) and it will be used as such on a daily basis. Students participating in BYOT should bring their charged devices each day. We are fortunate at Mountain Park ES to have many resources for all of our students. Therefore, it is a parent/student choice if you wish to bring a device to school. No student will ever be denied access to technology in our classrooms! It is our mission to provide the most optimum learning environment possible.

What types of devices can students bring to school?

Students bring all types of devices to school. Some examples include: iPods, iPads, digital cameras, tablets, notebook computers, and Smart Phones. We have a secure Wi-Fi network for students to connect to while at school.

What about appropriate use?

It is our responsibility as educators and parents to teach and model appropriate use, online etiquette, accountability, and responsibility, whether related to technology or not. Our Fulton County Schools network, which will allow students to log on to the Internet, provides the same restrictions and protections that students have when using our school devices. We also follow Fulton County's Responsible Use Policy as well as our MPES BYOT Contract which is attached.

What about security?

Of course, with all technological devices in use, security is an important factor. Teachers will lock their classroom doors when at lunch or recess, and students will keep their own personal devices either on their desk, within their sight, or safely stored in their book bag during transportation to and from school. Please know that we will do everything in our power to maintain a high level of security is maintained.

Teachers' role

Your child's teacher(s) will provide well-structured classroom activities, aligned with the standards. As part of the Fulton County Schools network, sound safety nets are already in place to filter Internet access. Teachers will monitor student use of technology closely. Students who are unable to bring their own technology devices will have access to our school's devices. Our purpose is to enable children to use technology to enrich their learning.

Teachers will be facilitators of instruction and will not be able to provide technical support for each device. This responsibility will reside with parents/guardians at home. Teachers may communicate information regarding educational applications and suggest appropriate tools that can be downloaded to personal devices at home. Parents will need to assist their children with downloads if they wish to follow teachers' suggestions.

Please review and sign the BYOT agreement between teachers, parents, and students. **No student will be permitted to use personal technology devices unless the agreement is signed and returned.** Students participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety.

Please read carefully and initial each statement.

Students take full responsibility for their devices. The school is not responsible for the security of personal technology. Personal devices cannot be left on campus after school hours. Please label devices, cases, and any accessories.

Personal devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school and must run off their own batteries while at school. This is the student's responsibility.

To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the Fulton County Schools wireless connection in school and will not attempt to bypass the network restrictions by using 3G or 4G network.

The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or is the source of a virus.

Students can only access Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested by a teacher.

Students should not physically share their personal devices with other students, unless they have written parent permission to do so.

Students understand that devices are to be used for educational purposes with the supervision of the teacher. Students are not allowed to play games, text or take inappropriate pictures or videos. Devices may not be used during tests.

Students understand that during instruction, electronic devices must be kept on the top corner of their desk or in a container on the teacher's desk. Devices will be used only when the teacher states "devices up" and are to be put down and to sleep when the teacher states "devices down." Students must immediately comply with teacher's requests.

Devices are to remain in the classrooms at all times.

Students and parents understand that devices should not be used for personal texting. If students need to access their parents during the day, they will need to let the teacher know and he/she can assist the student.

Please understand that the use of personal devices to support the educational experience is not a necessity but a privilege. With respect of the rules, this privilege will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When rules are abused, the following consequences will occur:

1st Offense: Device taken up by teacher and returned at the end of the day.

2nd Offense: Device is revoked for 1 week.

3rd Offense: Device is revoked for the remainder of the grading period.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date
