Elkins Pointe MS BYOT Protocol

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Elkins Pointe MS is piloting a program which will enhance classroom instruction: "Bring Your Own Technology/' (B.Y.O.T.)

Definition of "Technology"
For purposes of BYOT, "technology" means privately owned wireless and portable electronic hand-held devices that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capturing/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. (While at school, students will also have access to school owned devices, to further support technology integration at school).

Internet
Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones/cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

Security and Damages
Elkins Pointe MS is not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. However, teachers are required to lock their doors when leaving the room (for lunch, specials, recess, etc.) If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office in the same manner as other personal articles. We recommend that skins (decals), labeling, and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Teachers' Role and Responsibilities Regarding BYOT

Teachers are facilitators of instruction in their classrooms. The primary focus of our teachers is to provide instruction based upon our standards-based curriculum. The use of technology is merely one example of the many types of curriculum support activities to engage students. Other types include interactive activities, science experiments, using math manipulatives, using school provided technology, etc. to help support the curriculum.
To maintain instructional focus, teachers will not spend instructional time troubleshooting technical difficulties with students' personal devices in the classroom. (They will educate and provide guidance on how to use a device and troubleshoot simple issues, but they will not impede instructional focus in order to provide technical support). This responsibility will reside at home with parents/guardians.

Teachers will 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 at home, if they wish to follow teachers' suggestions. No applications should be downloaded in school.

Teachers will closely monitor students to ensure appropriate usage of technology in the classrooms. All activities involving technology will be based upon and support Common Core Georgia Performance Standards and any internet-based activities will go through the FCBOE student network (this provides filtered network access, appropriate for student use).
We understand that not every student has his/her own electronic device. To ensure equal accessibility to technology resources, teachers will provide students with access to technology available within our school as

needed.

Students' and Parent/Guardians' Role and Responsibilities Regarding BYOT

- 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 before or after the school hours.
- Student accesses only files on the computer or internet which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted during instructional time unless directed by the teacher.
- Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.
- Students should not take out their technology except in the classroom environment. This includes the bus, at recess, lunch, etc.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school and run off their own batteries while at school.
- To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the FCBOE student wireless connection in school and *will not attempt to bypass the network restrictions by using 3G or 4G network.*
- Student realizes that printing from personal laptops/ devices will not be possible at school.
- Students should not physically share their personal devices with other students.

Please sign the agreement on the next page if you wish to give your child permission to use personal wireless devices in the classroom.

Elkins Pointe Middle School
Student Technology "BYOT" Agreement

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. Return this page only to school.

Read carefully and initial every 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 before or after the school hours.

___ Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.

___Student accesses only files on the computer or internet which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted during instructional time unless directed by the teacher.

___Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.

___Students should not take out their technology except for the classroom environment. This includes the bus, at recess, lunch, etc.

___Personal devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school and run off their own batteries while at school.

___To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the FCBOE student wireless connection in school and will not attempt to bypass the network restrictions by using 3G or 4G network.

___Student realizes that printing from personal laptops/ devices will not be possible at school.

___Students should not physically share their personal devices with other students.

I understand that the use of personal devices to support the educational experience is not a necessity but a privilege. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of technology privileges as well as other possible disciplinary action.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guideline.

_____   _____
Print Student Name   Parent Signature

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date