

Grand Forks Public Schools (GFPS) High School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information and Agreement

Technology has become an essential part of education as reflected in the GFPS Strategic Plan: *Emphasize 21st Century instructional practices which foster student academic engagement through the promotion and utilization of appropriate technology tools to enhance the teaching and learning process.* To be able to live, learn, and work successfully in our information-rich society, students must be able to utilize technology effectively.

Many students' lives today are filled with technology, giving them access to information and resources. Empowering students to control and be at the center of their learning, GFPS started allowing high school students to use personal technology devices for educational use, with teacher discretion, in the fall of 2015. With many students owning mobile computing devices and frequently using these devices for their school work while at home, the district recognized the need to allow high school students to utilize their own technology in a more seamless way at school.

Students using their own technology for learning is referred to as **Bring Your Own Device or BYOD**. Please note that personally owned devices are a supplement to the technology already accessible to students while at school. BYOD is an **optional program** and parents are **not required** to purchase a device for their child. GFPS high schools have added more Chromebooks for students to access.

The use of technology to access educational material should be considered a privilege. When respected, technology will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When abused, technology privileges will be taken away.

For additional information, please see the GFPS BYOD webpage (<http://bit.ly/gfpsbyod>) and Frequently Asked Questions (<http://bit.ly/byodfaq>).

Definition of "Device"

For purposes of BYOD, "Device" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

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

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. GFPS is not liable for any device stolen or damages on campus.

Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other devices during the school day in any unauthorized area of the school building or at any school sponsored events or activities.

“Unauthorized area” means any area where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy; including, but not limited to classrooms, locker rooms, and restrooms or any other area designated by the building principal. (The full policy can be found on page 16 of the high school handbook: <http://bit.ly/gfpshshandbook>)

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Code of Conduct, as well as policies established by the Grand Forks Public Schools School Board, particularly the Acceptable Use Policy #5331 (<http://bit.ly/gfpsaup5331>). Additionally:

- The student’s device should be kept with the student at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the laptop. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device.
- The device must be in silent mode while on school campuses.
- The device may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- The device may not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours; unless authorized by school personnel.
- Students may access only files on the computer or Internet sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.
- Students must comply with teachers' request to shutdown the computer or close the screen.
- Students acknowledge that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- I certify that the student’s laptop has an up-to-date anti-virus program.
- Students understand that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a virus or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- Students realize that processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Students realize that printing from personal laptops will not be permitted at school.
- The student’s device is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

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 network and/or laptop privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): Personal Student Laptop/Tablet Use Agreement

I, _____ (student name), fully acknowledge that use of my own device on the premises of Grand Forks Public High Schools is subject to all guidelines, rules and regulations governing acceptable use as established by the Grand Forks Public Schools School Board, Policy #5331 and the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): Personal Student Laptop/Tablet Use Agreement.

I further understand that use of my personal device is restricted to those activities as required or related to my program of study and any use otherwise may be subject to disciplinary action including loss of device use privileges. I WILL NOT access websites with inappropriate content using a 3G or 4G connection.

I understand that Grand Forks Public Schools is NOT responsible for any damage or theft that may occur to the laptop while on school property.

Parents may complete the online BYOD Personal Student Laptop/Tablet Use Agreement by accessing the following links OR by completing the information below and turning in this form to the office.

Central: <http://bit.ly/byod-gfc>

Community: <http://bit.ly/byod-comm>

Red River: <http://bit.ly/byod-rrhs>

Computer Make and Model # _____

Serial # _____

Student Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____