

BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology)

Hershey Middle School 2012-2013

Hershey Middle School will be piloting BYOT for the 2012-2013 school year. Middle school teachers may request that students bring a technology device of their own to class to be used for educational purposes in a given lesson or unit. This program is being implemented fully at Hershey High School this year. The Middle School will be exploring this initiative in grades 6 through 8 with the goal of widespread use in the 2013-2014 School Year. For this year, students should only bring a device of their own to school/class if explicitly asked to do so by a teacher. If students are asked to bring their own device and they decide to do so, the guidelines listed in this program guide must be followed.

Please note – Hershey Middle School will primarily use district provided technology resources in classes. There is no expectation or requirement for families to purchase their own devices for school use. This pilot opportunity allows teachers to work on expanding the development of a 21st Century Learning Environment.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW - Derry Township School District

PURPOSE

Derry Township School District is committed to prepare all students and teachers to maximize learning by fully integrating relevant technology into academic content to:

- acquire, share, evaluate and create digital information
- achieve media and technology literacy
- maintain a safe and ethical online environment

As part of this commitment, the District grants wireless capabilities in Derry Township School District to allow student-owned devices to be used in a classroom setting to support instruction and learning. With classroom teacher approval, students may use their own devices in the classroom to access, interact and save information from the Internet, communicate with other learners and use productivity tools to create assignments/projects or take classroom assessments.

ACCESS

Access to the Internet is provided via a DTSD wireless local area network. To be granted access, students must confirm they accept the Terms and Conditions of the Derry Township School District Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which must be signed by all student users. By accepting the Terms and Conditions, users will be expected to uphold the contents of the AUP as well as the Student Code of Conduct on their student-owned devices while on District property. Additionally, in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Derry Township School District will filter all content for users connected to DTSD’s network. Please check the Login section (pages 4-5) of this guide for exact details on how to access the DTSD’s network.

THEFT, LOSS OR DAMAGE

Derry Township School District, or any employee of the District, is not liable or responsible for any theft, damage or loss of any non-district device or the information on any such device. It is the responsibility of the owner of the device to ensure that the device is safe and secure.

COMMUNICATION/DATA PLAN FEES

Derry Township School District is not responsible for any fees associated with using any personal technology devices. All fees and charges related to texting or Internet use on any student-owned device is the sole responsibility of the owner.

COMMON GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

Each classroom teacher may decide to allow students to use mobile devices in their classroom for a specific lesson activity or project. Depending on the specific instruction planned for that period mobile devices may or may not be used. Each teacher will be responsible for communicating expectations of mobile device usage regarding their classroom.

Upon entering the classroom, all mobile devices being used in the classroom must be MUTED and on SILENT mode. Vibrate mode is not acceptable as it could cause interruptions within the classroom.

Students will place all hand held devices being used face down on top of the table or desk in clear view. Students choosing not to use their device must have it put away and MUTED and in SILENT mode. Devices not on table tops will not be used for any purpose during that class period.

Recording audio, video or photographic images without the subject's permission is not allowed in any area of the school. These actions alone can be a violation of state and federal law. Distributing such recordings or images can lead to further legal ramifications.

Please Note: Devices are not permitted to be used in the hallways, at lunch, or during flex. Students may only use devices at teacher direction. In all other instances during the school day, devices must be placed in lockers.