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Bring Your Own Electronic Communication Device (BYOECD)

The Brookfield Board of Education recognizes the potential of digital technology to support learning and enhance instruction. The District recognizes that the principal purposes of such technology in its schools are to enhance the curriculum and instructional program and to provide additional resources for authorized student activities. Resource sharing, communications and innovation capabilities for both students and teachers have been increased with access to a wide variety of Electronic Communication Devices (ECD's), telecommunications and to the Internet. It is imperative that members of the school community conduct themselves in a responsible, decent, ethical and polite manner while using the District ECD's and any network. They must also abide by all local, state and federal laws.

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To prepare students as 21st century thinkers and learners, students in the Brookfield Public School District are now encouraged to bring their own ECD's to school.

Definition of "Electronic Communication Device (ECD)"

An "ECD" as part of this protocol is a piece of privately owned and/or portable electronic handheld technology that includes emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, tablets, laptops and netbooks, and any technology that can be used for wireless internet access, word processing, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting, receiving, and storing

Internet

The only internet gateway that may be accessed while in the Brookfield Public Schools is the one provided by the District. Any device brought to the District will not be permitted to use outside internet sources.

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.

The District reserves the right to restrict or terminate network access at any time for any reason. The District further reserves the right to monitor network activity in any manner it sees fit in order to attempt to assure acceptable use and to maintain the integrity of the network. In order that an appropriate level of supervision and restriction may be exercised, students must use their assigned network login when using electronic resources.

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Software

Many software packages are now available as web browser applications. This negates the need to have required programs loaded onto student computers. Students can access what they will need through any web browser. Therefore, there is no required software necessary to take part in the Bring Your Own Electronic Communication Device program.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Brookfield Public School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office as other personal items that are stolen or damaged. It is recommended that skins, decals, and other custom touches be used to identify physically, one student's personal ECD's from others in keeping with Board policy for. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Taking or making audio or video recordings without permission in any context in which the person or persons being recorded has a reasonable expectation of privacy is prohibited. Such physical areas may include but are not limited to private offices, restrooms, changing rooms, labs, classrooms and conference rooms. The use of electronic devices to transmit or record conversations without explicit permission and acknowledgement of all parties is prohibited. Exceptions for law enforcement purposes may be granted. Any other exceptions must comply with applicable policies and laws and approved in advance by appropriate personnel.

Bring Your Own Electronic Communication Device/Technology Student and Parent Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is rapidly becoming a necessity for schools and classrooms. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in the Bring Your Own Electronic Communication Device program must adhere to all applicable Board policies, particularly the Acceptable Use of Electronic Communication Devices (ECD's) and the Internet, Policy #6141.321 and find sign the Acceptable Use Agreement of said policy.

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The use of these devices, as with any personally owned device, is strictly up to the individual school.

(cf. 5114 – Suspension/Expulsion)
(cf. 5132.81 – Use of Electronic Devices)
(cf. 5131.911 – Bullying)
(cf. 5131.913 – Cyberbullying)
(cf. 5131 – Conduct)
(cf. 5144 – Discipline)
(cf. 6141.321 – Acceptable Use of Electronic Communication Devices and the Internet)
(cf. 6141.323 – Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering)
(cf. 6141.326 – Online Social Networking)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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