



## **Bring Your Own Technology**

### **FAQ: Parents**

#### **Why should my child bring their own device to school?**

Today's students are already technology leaders. They want to take the technology they use in their daily lives and make it a normal part of their classroom experience. Research tells us that if we reflect this in their learning experiences, we will increase engagement which leads to improved student success.

#### **What type of device may my child bring to school?**

Students may use any device that will allow them to access the internet and have a battery life that will last the school day. For example: laptop, Chrome book, Surface, iPad, iPod, Smartphone. Something that is not too heavy for the child to carry or too cumbersome to have on a desk. A case to protect the device is essential. A method to secure the device at school (locked locker or teacher provided storage) are also essential.

#### **What else should we consider when purchasing a device?**

1. Anti-Virus Software
2. Additional battery
3. Theft and hazard insurance

#### **Does my child have to bring in a device? What if a family cannot afford to buy technology for their child?**

No, it is entirely optional. Grade groups have devices available for school use and your child will not be disadvantaged if they do not bring their own device.

#### **What if my child's device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?**

Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The school will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen or damaged. In some cases registering the device with your home insurance will cover lost or stolen items. Please check with your insurance provider to determine your level of coverage.

#### **Is it required that my child use the school wireless connection? Can they use their own 3G or 4G service?**

Students with a personally owned device are encouraged to use the school's public wireless network to access provincially licensed subscriptions and ministry owned multimedia resources. Students that choose to use the non-filtered 3G or 4G connection from their device provider should be reminded that inappropriate behavior at school holds the same consequences regardless of the connection or who owns the device.

**My child is bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will they have access to things they normally do with division equipment?**

Your child will have access to any of the web-based software the school currently uses (databases, library search tools, cloud services, email etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

**How will you handle students accessing inappropriate websites during school?**

Students are held accountable by the school's Acceptable Use Policy, the school student handbook and student behavior policies. Students connecting to the school network will be able to access the web in a more secure, safe and resource-rich manner.

**How will my son's/daughter's device be used in the classroom?**

At the teacher's discretion, students will utilize their devices to access information, research, solve problems, collaborate, communicate and engage in the curriculum.