Bring Your Own Device Program – Parent Student Agreement

The Lindale ISD is excited to announce the launch of our Mobile Device Initiative. Over the next five years the district is phasing in a 1 to 1 program (1 device for every child) beginning with the 7th grade and expanding to 12th grade. As an alternative, the district is providing an optional “Bring Your Own Device” program for parents who choose to “opt out” of the 1 to 1 initiative.

AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS

Access to the Lindale ISD filtered wireless network utilizing personal wireless devices shall be made available to students for instructional purposes, in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy and this Agreement.

Conditions of use for the District’s network shall be permitted as long as the user’s actions:
• Comply with the responsibilities specified in the District’s Acceptable Use Policy
• Impose no tangible costs to the District;
• Do not unduly burden the District’s computers, or network resources;
• Have no adverse effect on a student's academic performance;
• Do not cause disruption to the educational environment;
• Students and Parents have submitted the signature page of this agreement.

Access to the District’s electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulations and guidelines.

Noncompliance with the applicable regulations may result in limitation, suspension, or termination of privileges, and other disciplinary action consistent with appropriate District policies.

Violations may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the District.

Participation in the “Bring Your Own Device” program is strictly optional, and completion of the BYOD Agreement is required.

PURPOSE

The Lindale ISD is committed to creating a 21st century learning environment to provide
equitable access to technology that will aid our students in becoming self-directed learners, collaborative team players, and information producers as well as information consumers. Due to the adoption of the Mobile Device Initiative and the proliferation of devices in the educational environment the Lindale ISD, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, is officially allowing middle school and high school students to bring their own authorized technology devices for use at specified times during the school day: before/after school and in the classroom when specifically permitted by the classroom teacher. Utilization of personal technology devices to enhance learning in the classroom, will be encouraged when deemed appropriate for all students in a given classroom, and at the discretion of the teacher. Unless the classroom teacher specifically authorizes utilization of personal devices, such devices must remain off and put away. Personal electronic devices may not be used at any time in locker rooms, restrooms, and the nurse’s office.

Students are required to access our wireless network when using devices during the school day with the consent and supervision of the classroom teacher and the authority of the building principal. While users may operate their own devices to access the internet, they must do so by way of the District’s filtered wireless connections. The use of private (3G/4G) network access on school grounds is prohibited. Users may not disable, override or circumvent district technology filters and protection measures.

WIRELESS INFORMATION

When a student brings his/her own technology device onto the middle school or high school campus, it is mandatory that these devices utilize the Lindale ISD filtered wireless network. For example, a Lindale High School student must choose the “LHS Wifi” wireless ID, and sign in using their assigned LHS username and password. By authenticating and logging into the LHS network, the student is agreeing to comply with the terms of the LHS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Once on the LHS network, all users will have filtered Internet access on their personal equipment in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), just as they would on district devices.

MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

All school owned devices will be enrolled into the District’s Mobile Device Management System allowing for enterprise deployment of applications and “locking down” of various features of the devices as needed or directed by the classroom teacher or school administrators. A requirement of this BYOD agreement is that all personally owned devices being used on the network will need to be enrolled into the Mobile Device
Management System for the purpose of deploying “apps” as needed for classroom instruction as well as securing the device when necessary from misuse (i.e. disabling the camera on test days). WHEN PERSONAL DEVICES ARE OFF-PREMISE THEY ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

ACCEPTABLE DEVICES

Computers
Laptops with either Windows or Apple operating systems are permitted on our network. It is expected that these devices will have 1) an updated web browser from which students are able to access necessary tools, 2) current antivirus software; and 3) be fully charged and maintained to work properly during the school day.

Mobile Devices
Smart phones, Tablet technology and eReaders are clearly useful for productivity purposes and will enhance instruction, so they are permitted for use on our network. This category includes but is not limited to iPads, Android tablets (Samsung Galaxy, Asus Transformer, etc.), and e Readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.).

3G/4G Network Access is Prohibited: Mobile devices such as smart phones, laptops, tablets, e-readers, are often equipped with 3G/4G wireless accessibility, which the District is unable to filter or monitor, in legal compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. Students and employees who bring 3G/4G-enabled devices must access the Internet via the District’s filtered Wi-Fi connection, only! Violators may have their devices confiscated, their participation in the BYOT program restricted, and be subject to other disciplinary action.

BYOD Program - Parent and Student Agreement

Any parent permitting their child to use a personally owned technology device in accordance with this agreement on Lindale ISD property, must read, sign, and return this agreement to the school.
1. The student is responsible for keeping his or her device in their possession or properly securing it, at all times. District personnel are not responsible for the security or condition of student’s personal devices.

2. The student is responsible for the proper care of personal technology devices, including all maintenance and repair, replacement or modifications, and software updates necessary to effectively use the device.

3. The District reserves the right to confiscate and/or inspect personal technology devices if there is reason to believe that it was used to violate our policies, administrative procedures, school rules, or for general misconduct.

4. Violations may result in the loss of privilege to use personal technology in school, and/or disciplinary and legal action, as appropriate.

5. The student must comply with the teachers’ request to refrain from using a device, verify/display the authentication login screen, or to power down (turn off) the device.

6. The student may not use any devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person without their knowledge and consent. Images, video, and audio files recorded at school may not be transmitted or posted at any time, without the expressed permission of a district faculty member.

7. The student should only use personal technology devices with consent and under the direct supervision of a district faculty member.

8. All users are required to utilize the District’s secured wireless network to access the Internet.

**NOTE: The use of private 3G & 4G wireless connections is not allowed!!**

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**DETACH, COMPLETE & RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE SCHOOL. KEEP THE INFORMATION ABOVE FOR YOUR RECORDS!**

Print Student’s Name: ____________________________ Grade: ____________

I understand and agree to abide by the BYOT agreement and applicable policy and guidelines. I further understand that violations may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges,
and possibly other disciplinary or legal action.

__________________________________________________________________________  _____________
Student’s Signature                                                                                     Date

As a parent I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above policy and guidelines. I have read and discussed this with her/him and they understand the responsibility they have while using their personal devices. In the event that he/she violates this agreement, the district may confiscate and inspect the device, and appropriately discipline my child.

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Parent’s Signature                                                                                      Date