



Brooks County Middle School TORCH Academy

Acceptable Use Policy

The Brooks County Middle School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy allows students to bring their own personal computing devices to school to enhance the instructional learning process.

Definition of Personal Computing Device: For purposes of BYOD, a Personal Computing Device is a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Devices Permitted at School:

- Laptops
- Tablets (iPad, Android, Windows)
- Cell Phones/Smart Phone
- EReaders
- Netbooks

***The above listed devices must have Wi-Fi capabilities.**

These devices are personal choice. If your child participates in the BYOD program, you will need to choose the device that will best meet his or her needs. The devices must be purchased by the family and will remain the property and responsibility of the family. Brooks County Middle School is not liable for any device lost, stolen, or damaged on campus. BCMS is not responsible for investigating lost or stolen electronic devices.

Expectations for Students:

Devices are to be used for academic purposes and may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls, sharing images/videos, and text/instant messaging).

- If a student is not using the device appropriately it will be confiscated by a teacher and given to an administrator. The device can be picked up by a parent from the administrator. Additional violations could result in discipline consequences and loss of BYOD privileges.
- Devices are to be 'OFF' when they are not being used for academic purposes and when directed by a teacher.
- Students are not permitted to share personal devices at any time.
- Students are not allowed to share personal devices with other students for personal business. Devices may only be shared during an instructional activity that requires a device to be shared. All devices must remain in the possession of their owners.

Connecting to the Internet:

BCMS provides a wireless network that allows students to connect to the Internet with their personal devices at school. Use of the BYOD wireless network does not provide access to BCMS resources such as the student's assigned network storage.

Software:

No software will need to be downloaded to a student's personal device in order for it to work on the BYOD wireless network. Students/families are responsible for technical support and updates. The technology department of BCMS will not touch any personal computing device for the purposes of configuration or repair. School system technology specialists will only be responsible for ensuring the BCMS infrastructure is functioning properly.

Damage/Loss/Theft of Device:

Any student-owned device brought to school is the responsibility of the student. BCMS takes no responsibility to search for lost or stolen devices nor is there any financial responsibility by BCMS for lost, stolen, or damaged personal computing devices.

Teacher Absence:

A substitute teacher will not have the experience, knowledge or professional development in the use of BYOD, so personal devices will not be used in a class with a substitute teacher.

Printing Documents:

Students will not be able to access BCMS printers from their personal computing devices.

Charging Stations:

Charging stations or areas to charge devices will not be provided at the school. The device's battery should be charged and provide a sufficient charge for lessons requiring the use of the device.



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First, read the BCMS Acceptable Use Policy with your child, and then choose the appropriate line below. If you choose for your child to participate in the BYOD program, you and your child should each sign the agreement below to confirm your understanding of the BYOD policy and expectations. RETURN this form to the school.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING A DEVICE TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE BYOD AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY BOTH THE PARENT AND STUDENT AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

STUDENT: PRINT NAME

GRADE

____ NO, my child will not be bringing a personal computing device to school. (If a device is used in school when permission has not been granted, the device will be confiscated.)

OR

____ YES, I give my child permission to bring a personal computing device to school. I have read the terms with my child and we both understand the expectations of the BCMS BYOD Agreement and BCMS Acceptable Use Policy. I agree that BCMS is not responsible for the personal computing device.

STUDENT NAME: PRINT

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT: PRINT NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE