

Responsible Use of BYOD Agreement

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 encourage this growth, Sycamore Creek Elementary wants you to bring your own devices (BYOD).

Definition and Purpose of “Devices”

BYOD technologies are privately owned wireless and portable electronic devices that can be used for wireless Internet access, word processing, image/video capturing, sound recording, and information transmitting. Please note that PSP and DSI devices will not be supported by our wireless network and should not be brought to school.

It is the vision that at Sycamore Creek BYOD will allow students to enhance critical thinking skills through collaboration with peers. We’re looking forward to seeing creativity blossom as students develop stronger communication skills through engaging and challenging projects that will require the use of 21st century skills. It’s not about the devices themselves, it’s about embracing them as a tool for enhancing great instructional practices.

Sycamore Creek teachers will continue to develop rigorous technology-integrated lessons to enhance student learning and teach about responsible use and digital etiquette. Teachers are facilitators of instruction and should not spend time fixing technical issues with personal devices in the classroom. They educate and provide guidance on how to use devices for learning, but technical support is the responsibility of parents. Teachers will regularly communicate information regarding educational apps that parents may choose to download to their child’s personal devices at home.

Students unable to bring own devices to school have ample access to technology available at Sycamore Creek.

Security and Damages

Sycamore Creek Elementary School is not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. Teachers are required to lock the doors when leaving for lunch, specials, recess, etc. to ensure limited access to the classrooms. We recommend using skins (decals) and protective cases for an easy identification, differentiation, and protection of personal devices. If a device is stolen or damaged, the situation will be handled through the administrative office.

Please review and sign the BYOD agreement found on the next page.

Students will be permitted to use personal technology devices only if the agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the homeroom teacher.



Students and parents participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct Board Policy, as well as Board policy 3225 and 3226: Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources.

Please read carefully and initial every statement:

Student Signature	Parent Signature	Expectations
		Students take full responsibility for their devices. Personal technology should not be left on campus before or after school hours. If students forget devices at home, parents should not drop them off later to avoid interruption of instruction.
		Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down Devices or close the screen. Devices will not be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Devices will not be used with a substitute teacher in a classroom.
		Students and parents are expected to respect and protect the privacy of others. Students and parents are not permitted to capture, transmit, or post photographs/videos of any person on campus to public or social networking sites for personal reasons.
		Students are expected to use devices at school for educational purposes only. Students will access files or Internet sites relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested by teachers.
		Students understand that devices cannot be used during transition times, on the playground, on the bus, or at any other non-instructional time.
		Students and parents understand that devices cannot be used at school for personal texting.
		Students and parents understand that infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information will result in disciplinary action.
		Due to infrastructure, students understand that printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.
		Students are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct Board Policy, 3225 and 3226: Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources. Any violation may result in the loss of technology privileges at school, as well as other disciplinary action.
		The school has the right to collect and examine any device at any time.

Please understand that the use of personal devices to support educational experiences is **not a necessity but a privilege.** When expectations are abused, privileges will be taken away.

