

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Fact Sheet

The Central Dauphin School District (CDS) is committed to preparing all students and teachers to fully maximize the integration of technology resources into the academic program to:

- communicate, collaborate, research and problem solve
- understand and acquire digital citizenship

To achieve these changes in the academic program, the Central Dauphin School District will allow student-owned devices to be used in a classroom setting to enhance and support instruction and learning under the direction of classroom teachers. The students will need to transition their use of personal electronic devices from those used for social and entertainment purposes to tools used for learning. Devices such as smart phones (iPhone), tablets (iPad), eReaders (Kindle, Nook), and laptops may be used. It is not necessary for students to purchase devices or bring them in to participate. Teachers will make every effort to encourage collaboration among students when using electronic and personal communication devices.

Access

Access to the Internet is provided through the district's filtered wireless network that is available in some buildings. The district's network will allow filtered Internet access on the personal device in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), just as they would on district owned devices.

Theft, Loss or Damage

CDS, or any employee of CDS, is not liable or responsible for any theft, damage or loss of any non-district device or information on any such device. It is the responsibility of the owner of the device to ensure that the device is safe and secure.

Expectations

The use of student devices will be the decision of each teacher depending upon the specific lesson planned for that day. Each teacher will be responsible to communicate expectations for the use of the devices in their classroom learning activities.

Recording audio, video or photographic images without the subject's permission is not permitted in any area of the school. These actions can be a violation of state and federal law, district policy, and the Student Code of Conduct. Distribution of such recordings or images could lead to possible further legal and disciplinary consequences.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What type of “device” do you expect students to bring to school?

No student is required to bring any device to school. However, students may bring smartphones (iPhone or android), laptops, tablets (iPads or android), and eReaders (Kindle, Nook), among other personal devices.

Are there specific requirements that devices must meet to be added to the school network?

To access the wireless network, the device must be capable of wireless access, have an up to date operating system, and anti-virus software. If your system has been determined not to be up-to-date, your computer will be “quarantined” until it is updated (the computer is unable to connect to the network).

Students will not be able to plug into the network through an Ethernet or other cable. Note that some devices (eReaders, for example) may not require a wireless network. In addition, students are not permitted to charge their devices on school property.

Do students have to register their devices with the school administrators or teachers?

No. Students are responsible for their own technology. However, it is completely up to the administrator or classroom teacher(s) as to whether personal devices can be used. Classroom usage can change on a daily basis. Students only need to complete and return the BYOD sign-off form.

How do students access the school network?

Most devices will detect a wireless connection when in proximity and prompt the user for access. Students can simply choose the “CDStudent” wireless network from the list. If the device does not display a prompt to choose a wireless network, students can go to the settings menu of their device and enter it manually. They shall obtain the passcode for the wireless network from the teacher.

Is it required that students use the school wireless network, or can they use their own 3G or 4G service?

Students must use the filtered school wireless network to access the Internet; they may not use a 3G, 4G or any other wireless network to access the internet from school.

My device will not connect to the network. Can the staff help me?

It is not the responsibility of teachers or other district staff to troubleshoot individual devices. The first step should be to check the owner’s manual for issues concerning connectivity.

Will I have access to district purchased software form personal technology devices (ex. Microsoft Office, Adobe CS, etc)?

No. District purchased software is only available on district owned equipment. Access to resources is similar to a typical Wi-Fi access available in public spaces (hotel, airport, coffee shop).

What rules apply to the use of these devices on the wireless network?

As with all technology use, personal or school-owned, students may use technology for educational purposes with the permission of the teacher or an administrator. Students using a personally-owned device must abide by the district's Policy 237, Electronic and Personal Communication Devices. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device that is used to access it while in a public school. While students are using the device, they must use the district's wireless network which is filtered.

What happens if a student uses the device inappropriately?

Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures, or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action. The Student Code of Conduct will be followed.

What are some examples of inappropriate use?

Examples may include but are not limited to the following:

- The student records a video without the permission of the teacher and posts the video on You Tube.
- The student takes pictures during class or other students or themselves and sends them electronically to friends.
- The teacher has given permission to use the device for a project, but the student chooses to check his or her account on a social media site instead.
- The student is accessing websites unrelated to the classroom activity or assignment.

Who is responsible if the device is damaged, stolen, lost?

Students bring personal devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The district will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced devices or items. Some devices have a device locator; parents and/or students may want to enable this feature if possible.

What happens if another student is bullying me using a personal device?

All bullying incidents should be reported to a school administrator. Bullying is a violation of Board Policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

What if a student doesn't have his or her own personal technology device?

It is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. Every effort will be made to encourage collaboration among students in class.

How do students save their work on their device?

Students can save work directly to their device. Students will have access to their networked Home (H:) directory through Moodle.cdschools.org or directly through <https://webfiles.cdschools.org>.

Can students print from their devices at school?

No. Printing in the district from personal devices is not permitted.

Will students be able to charge their devices at school?

No. Our energy conservation policy prohibits charging personal devices in the schools. Students should make sure their devices are charged prior to bringing them to school.