



2016-17 – Bring Your Own Technology B.Y.O.T. Responsible Use Agreement

AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS

Access to the South Middleton School District's filtered wireless network utilizing personal wireless devices shall be made available to secondary students, employees and members of the Board of Directors primarily for instructional and administrative purposes, in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology (#815), the Electronic Communications Devices Policy (#237) 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 (AUP) for Technology (#815) and Electronic Devices Policy (#237)
- Impose no tangible costs to the District
- Do not unduly burden the District's computer or network resources
- Have no adverse effect on an employee's job performance or on a student's academic performance
- Do not cause a substantial disruption to the educational process or environment
- Students and Parents have submitted the signature page of this agreement, at YBMS and Iron Forge
- Students have completed the required BYOT/Google Orientation workshop, at YBMS and Iron Forge

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 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 when indicated in addition to disciplinary action by the District.

Participation in the "Bring Your Own Technology" devices program is strictly optional. Completion of the district BYOT Agreement and participation in the orientation is required at the middle school level.

PURPOSE

The South Middleton School District 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. Providing students and staff with a 21st century digital learning environment is part of the South Middleton School District core values.

The District will allow middle school and high school students to bring personal technology devices for appropriate use at specified times during the school day: a) before/after school and b) in the classroom when specifically permitted and supervised by the teacher. Currently, 'allowed devices' include laptops, netbooks, tablets, and eReaders. Currently, Smartphones and Handheld internet-accessible devices are permitted for students at the high school level.

The purpose of this program is to engage students and enhance the learning process. Teachers are encouraged to prepare activities that promote this initiative and to apply limits, appropriately. Unless the teacher specifically authorizes their use, personal technology devices should be turned off and put away, while in that classroom environment.

At no time are personal electronic devices to be used in locker rooms, restrooms, hallways, the guidance office, or the nurse's health suite. No conversations, activities, or likenesses are ever to be recorded or posted to the Internet without prior notification and consent. Abusers will be disciplined, their devices confiscated, and parents will be notified.

Participating district personnel and secondary students are required to access the Internet via the SMSD wireless network while using approved devices with consent and under direct supervision of the classroom teacher by the authority of the building principal. While these devices may have the internal capability to use private (4G) network, this accessibility on school grounds is expressly prohibited. Students and staff are required to authenticate their login via the District's filtered network, in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Users may not disable, override or circumvent these district technology filters and protective measures.

Many SMSD teachers and their students utilize online resources for personal productivity and academic purposes. There are also students and staff members who require specialty software products not licensed by the District, or that require file space exceeding our parameters. Allowing the use of personal technology devices will facilitate timely and on-going accessibility for these users to their resources (software, bookmarks, hard drive, etc.), will enhance productivity, and increase the opportunity for success.

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 connect to the Internet via the SMSD filtered wireless network. For example, a Boiling Springs High School student must choose "Visitor" from the available networks list, and sign-in using their username and password. By authenticating and logging onto the SMSD network, the user is agreeing to comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use and Electronic Devices policies. Once on the District network, all users will have filtered Internet access on their personal equipment in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

ACCEPTABLE DEVICES

Computers – Laptops with either Windows or Apple operating systems are permitted on the District 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 maintained to work properly and hold a charge during the school day. Be advised that some computers that use proprietary browsers, do not permit you to download Firefox or Internet Explorer, or do not support simultaneous accessibility and utilization of multiple windows, may not be compatible with the school network.

Tablets and eReaders Devices – 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, Asus, etc.), and eReaders (Kindle Fire, Nook HD, etc.).

Handheld Devices – Smartphones and other handheld devices that have the ability to access the Internet via a browser without using their personal (4G) capabilities will be permitted on campus, for instructional purposes. At no time are these devices to be used in locker rooms, restrooms, hallways, or the guidance and nurse's offices. No conversations, activities, or likenesses are ever to be recorded or posted to the Internet without prior notification and consent.

Private (4G) Network and Hotspot Access is Prohibited: Mobile devices such as laptops, tablets, handhelds, and e-readers, are often equipped with private 4G wireless service provider accessibility. However, the District is unable to filter, monitor, or protect students on private networks in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, federal legislation. Complying students and employees will bring 4G-enabled devices to a browser, deactivate pop-up blockers, and auto join options, to authenticate and use the District's filtered Wi-Fi connection. Violators may have their devices confiscated, their BYOT participation restricted or revoked, and may be subjected to other disciplinary or legal actions.

***NOTE:** To successfully complete the "authentication process" that provides connection to the Internet, you must be able to turn "Off" the pop-up blocker, auto join, and auto login, enabling multiple browser windows to remain open at the same time.*