



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This policy governs the use of Personally Owned Devices (PODs) by Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) students while on USDB property or when accessing USDB network resources. A Personally Owned Device (POD) is defined as any private, non-USDB-issued portable electronic device capable of storing, processing, accessing, or transmitting digital data. This includes, but is not limited to, smartphones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, and other wearable technologies. This policy addresses Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) students' use of privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld 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.

2. REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. USDB is not liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is lost, stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal items. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

3. POLICY DETAILS

- 3.1. The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.
- 3.2. Students ~~and parents/guardians~~ participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the Student Acceptable Use Policy and the Student Social Media Policy.
- 3.3. Devices must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- 3.4. Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- 3.5. Devices may not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.
- ~~3.6. Students may only access files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.~~
- 3.7. Students must comply with teachers' request to shutdown the ~~personal device~~ **computer** or close the screen.
- 3.8. **Students are strictly prohibited from introducing any software, file, or program onto a Personally Owned Device (POD) that is intended to, or may accidentally: damage, alter, or destroy any USDB data, files or network systems, access unauthorized data or the private information of others, or disrupt or impair the normal function of the USDB network or technology resources.**~~Bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Acceptable Use policy and will result in disciplinary actions.~~
- 3.9. **Any intentional or reckless action that compromises USDB network security is a serious violation of the Acceptable USE Policy and will result in immediate disciplinary action, including loss of network privileges.**~~Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the Student Acceptable Use policy and will result in disciplinary actions.~~
- 3.10. USDB has the right to collect and examine any device that is

suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.

3.11. Printing from personal electronic devices **is not permitted** ~~will not be possible at school.~~

3.12. Devices are to be charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or laptop privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Child's Name (please print)

Address

City

State

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date