

TECHNOLOGY - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Overview

The Easton Public Schools (EPS) recognizes that technology, including use of the Internet, can be valuable in supporting student learning and enhancing instruction. EPS provides both technology devices as well as an Internet Wireless Access Connection for use by students for educational purposes only. In addition, students who agree to adhere to the conditions set forth in this “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) policy as well as the EPS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) are permitted to bring to school their own electronic devices for educational purposes only.

It is the joint responsibility of both school staff and the parents/guardians of each student to inform students about their responsibilities in regards to technology and to establish expectations when using technology. The use of the EPS network is a privilege that can be revoked at the discretion of the Principal or his/her designee.

Devices

Personal portable wireless devices, including laptops, pads, Ipads, Ipods, Cell Phones (iPhone, Android, etc.) will be allowed for use in school classrooms for tasks such as EPS wireless Internet access, taking notes, and sending E-Mail as appropriate to the educational task at hand.

Internet Access

EPS supplies an Internet Wireless Access Connection which requires all students to authenticate using their own username and passwords. All Internet traffic is filtered for compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). All Internet traffic is logged, and any students found trying to bypass the filter or “firewall” in order to gain access to restricted/unauthorized websites or who

otherwise access content not necessary or appropriate for educational purposes may not only lose the privilege of using the network, but will also be subject to discipline.

Conditions for bringing your own device to school

- Students who choose to bring electronic devices to school or to school sponsored events do so at their own risk. The EPS and its staff are not responsible for any damage to, or loss or theft of, any such devices.
- Students who chose to bring their own electronic devices to school must keep them turned off and out of sight in classrooms, labs, the library, and other such locations unless using them for assigned educational purposes. In addition, even when using the devices in other circumstances (such as before/after school, during an athletic event, etc.) the student is responsible for avoiding use that may be disruptive to an appropriate educational environment.
- During a class or other school event, students are prohibited from using their devices to take photos or to make video or audio recordings without the permission of the classroom teacher or other supervising staff member. During unstructured time, such as before/after school or passing periods, students are prohibited from using their devices to take photos or make video or audio recordings, with or without permission.
- The devices may not be used on any tests, quizzes, or assignments unless the teacher gives specific notice that such devices may be used for the task. In the event a student uses a device for a task not authorized by the teacher, such conduct will be considered an effort to gain an unfair advantage and an act of academic dishonesty, with appropriate consequences to be imposed.

- The use of 3G data plans, aircard, mobile broadband cards or any other means of bypassing the schools filtering mechanism is prohibited. Further, students are prohibited from using any Internet access during school other than the access provided by EPS.
- Users are prohibited from taking or attempting actions that might reasonably be expected to disrupt the operation of the network or equipment and/or interfere with the learning of other students or work of EPS employees.
- EPS staff may inspect a student's personal device if there is a reason to believe that the search will reveal a violation of the terms of the BYOB policy, the AUP, or other violation of school rules or applicable law.