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### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)-Grades K-12** Frequently Asked Questions by Parents and Students

#### PARENTS

##### **What if my child's device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?**

Students bringing electronic communication devices to school is at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The school will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other items are lost, stolen or misplaced. Some devices have a device locator and it is recommended you enable this feature, if possible.

##### **Is it required my child use the School wireless? Can they use their own 3G or 4G service?**

Students with a personally owned need to use the guest wireless network.

##### **My child is bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will they have access to things they normally do with district equipment?**

Your child will have access to any of the web-based software the school currently uses (databases, library search tools, etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

##### **As a parent am I requested to add additional software (virus protection, filter, tracking device, etc.) to my child's device?**

Virus protection for PC's is required. Device location software is not required, but is recommended.

##### **How will my son's/daughter's device be use in the classroom?**

Schools must challenge students with rigorous, personalized academic learning experiences which foster innovation and creativity. Students will engage in a cohesively integrated curriculum, access information and apply it to solve authentic problems in a collaborative manner.

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##### **I don't have my own electronic communication device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?**

No, it is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. Use of personal electronic devices will be optional. Keep in mind, learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device.

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#### **I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet now?**

Most devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time devices will ask you if you would like to join the network when prompted, and choose guest from the list.

#### **My device is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?**

In the settings menu of your device, there is usually an icon for a network. Go to this icon and choose guest from the list or prompt your device to look for wireless network in range.

#### **I cannot get my device to connect to the network. Can I get help from someone?**

It is not the responsibility of your teacher or other staff to troubleshoot your devices during the school day. Teachers utilizing a device for instructional purposes will make every attempt to assist students to connect and use their own devices. Students are expected to have a basic level of understanding and use of their own device before bringing it to school. Forsyth Schools cannot guarantee all device types will be compatible with the tasks students are asked to perform or that they will be compatible with our network.

#### **I need to save my work in my network folder. Why can't I access this resource?**

You are on the guest network. It is not the same as the network you would normally access from a school computer. You will not see your network folder, so you will need to save your work in another place. Some options include a flash drive, on your own hard drive or a course management system, e.g. Google Docs.

#### **I need to print the assignment I just completed. Why is there no printer when I try this?**

Like the network folders, printers are networked differently in the school and will not be available when you log in to the guest network. Some network solutions include saving it to a flash drive or printing it from home or another school computer. Keep in mind that using school printers in the classroom or other learning spaces is at the discretion of the teacher(s) or school administration.

#### **My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?**

Forsyth Schools are not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact the school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense. Bringing your own device to school can be useful; however, some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft.

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#### **Why am I filtered on my own equipment? Shouldn't I be able to see what I want on my own device?**

Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your own device, but the network you are using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

#### **Am I still held accountable for Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) I signed at the beginning of the school year even though this is my own device?**

Yes, students using a personally owned device must have the Acceptable Use Policy #3612F and the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy #3620 Agreement signed by both the student and the parent/guardian.

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