

Stratford Academy

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

The goal of the BYOD program is to expand learning opportunities for Stratford students. However, parents and students should know that bringing a personal device to school is a privilege, not a right. All content accessed on the device while at school must be appropriate for the school environment. Students are expected to:

- Use their device responsibly and keep it secure
- Use their device for educational purposes only
- Respect the property of others
- Follow all rules related to BYOD
- Know how to use their device and how to adjust its settings
- Exhibit good digital citizenship and safe online practices

Permitted Devices

- Laptops, netbooks, Chromebooks
- Tablets (Android, Apple, Windows)
- Ebook Readers
- Smartphones

Rules and Conditions

BYOD permissions can be temporarily or permanently revoked when warranted. Situations that could cause this privilege to be suspended or revoked include, but are not limited to:

- Misbehavior of individual student(s), whether or not technology is involved
- Adverse effect on school culture (cyberbullying, distraction from learning, etc.)
- Network conditions
- Special events such as online testing periods
- Changes in technology policy and procedures

In addition to rules found in the Code of Conduct and the Technology Acceptable Use Policy, the following rules apply to BYOD:

Where & When

1. Students may only use their device in the classroom when allowed by their teacher.
2. Devices must be in silent mode while on school campus.
3. Students may not use their device for texting personal messages or updating personal online accounts during school hours with the exception of communicating with parent/guardian in emergency situations.
4. Students may use their devices in common areas, such as hallways, cafeteria and the library lobby.

Storage and Theft or Loss of Device

1. Students should not ask teachers or staff to 'hold onto' or store their device.
2. Administrators should not be asked to retrieve devices left in school lockers.
3. The school will not be held financially responsible for lost or stolen devices.

Network, Internet Access, Electrical Charging

1. Students should always use Stratford's wireless network.
2. Students should bring devices fully charged to school. Electrical outlets for charging are available in the library.

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Content and Apps

1. Students may be asked to download free apps that teachers use for classroom activities. If parents do not wish their child to download these apps, they should inform their student not to do so without their prior permission.
2. Students may not store inappropriate content on the device that is brought to school.
3. Technology may not be used to transmit or post photographic images or video of a person during school activities and/or hours.
4. Students should ensure that their device does not contain any software or apps designed to access illegal or inappropriate file sharing sites.

Damage/Troubleshoot/Inspection

1. The school will not be held responsible for any damage or data loss, including losses resulting from connecting devices to the school's wireless network or power outlets.
2. School staff, including technology staff, will not configure, troubleshoot, or repair student devices.
3. Infecting the network with a program designed to damage, alter, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of policy.
4. School officials may read, examine, or inspect the contents of any personal device upon reasonable suspicion that the contents or recent utilization of the device contains evidence of a violation of these or other rules and policies, as well as any local, state, or federal laws.