



BYOD Teacher Tips & Tools

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According to Project Tomorrow, in a survey of 403,292 students, parents, educators and members of the community representing over 9,000 schools nationwide, **80% of high schoolers are Smartphone users.**

Benefits of BYOD program:

- ♥ Fosters student ownership of their own learning
- ♥ Takes advantage of tools students are already using
- ♥ Promotes greater participation in the classroom
- ♥ Increases student interest in activities
- ♥ Offers potential for increased access – approaching 1:1 pupil:device ratio
- ♥ Extends and augments learning inside and outside the classroom (e.g. the “flipped classroom”)
- ♥ Encourages self-directed learning
- ♥ Gives students access to real-time information
- ♥ Increases student communication and collaboration
- ♥ Provides bridge between formal and informal learning
- ♥ Creates better personalized learning opportunities
- ♥ Prepares students for 21st century workplace
- ♥ Matches learning resources with student’s schedule
- ♥ Provides smooth transition between school and home
- ♥ Augments productivity and efficiency for staff

Concerns of BYOD program:

- ☹ Creates possible distraction – don’t want Bring Your Own Distraction
- ☹ Increases in cyberbullying could occur

An effective classroom or an effective teacher is not based on what they do (or don't do) with BYOD. They are effective because of what they do with the students ... BYOD is just another "tool" or trend to focus some of their efforts.

- **Mark Lane, former high school English and history teacher, now instructional technology leader**

Tools:

- [Symbaloo Website](#) - Create a webmix for student exploration and resource organization.
- [Quizlet Website](#) [iOS App](#) [Android App](#) - Study anything, anywhere. Flashcards familiarize you with new vocabulary (with full screen images and audio).
- [StudyBlue Website](#) [iOS App](#) [Android App](#) - STUDYBLUE is a free study service that offers flashcards, quizzing, tracking for study session progress and more. Both the app and/or website allow you to study, make, edit and save content while giving you access to an enormous library of classmate-created materials. You can study whenever and wherever you want.
- [Poll Everywhere Website](#) - Poll Everywhere is a simple application that works well for live audiences using mobile devices like phones. People participate by visiting a fast mobile-friendly web page for your event, sending text messages, or using Twitter.
- [Quia Website](#) - pronounced key-ah, and is short for Quintessential Instructional Archive. Quia provides a wide variety of tools, including: templates for creating online activities using your own content, creating online surveys and accessing shared activities and quizzes created by other teachers.
- [Remind101 Website](#) [iOS App](#) [Android App](#) - Remind101 provides a safe way for teachers to text message students and stay in touch with parents. It is 100% free and is used by over 400,000 teachers and over 6,000,000 students and parents to send millions of messages every month.
- [Evernote Website](#) [iOS App](#) [Android App](#) - Evernote is an easy-to-use, free application that helps you remember everything across all of the devices you use. Stay organized, save your ideas and improve productivity. Evernote lets you take notes, capture photos, create to-do lists, record voice reminders--and makes these notes completely searchable, whether you are at home, at work, or on the go.