



FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of a BYOD program?

- Makes a 21st century classroom possible
- Fosters student ownership of their own learning
- Gives student access to real time information
- Provides smooth transition between home and school
- Supplements school resources and equipment

How does my child register his/her device at school?

Students interested in BYOD must complete the Device Permission Form attached to the regulation.

How will my child be using the device during the school day?

Students may use the registered devices to complete activities in class, complete homework, collaborate in real time, research projects, access Web sites with curriculum-related content, keep track of classroom assignments or record journal entries and other approved instructional activities.

What about security/theft/damage?

Devices are the sole responsibility of the student. FCPS accepts no responsibility for the security or safety of the device. Students are responsible for the security of the device. Teachers and other staff will not store or hold onto devices. School technology staff or teachers will not support, repair or troubleshoot student devices.

What is the policy on charging personally owned devices while at school?

It is recommended that devices come to school with a full charge. Students should be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their device during the school day.

What applications/software will be used in the classroom?

FCPS does not provide or require applications or software for personally owned devices. Classroom lessons will be tailored for the technology that all students can access. If possible, a student may choose to complete the same lesson on his/her personal device.

What happens if the device breaks while in school?

The student will put the device away and take it home at the end of the school day and then the student and parent can troubleshoot the device. FCPS has limited resources and cannot provide comprehensive support for the wide variety of devices allowed under this program.

Will the device be protected with Internet content filtering?

To facilitate instruction and practice Internet safety, FCPS's Internet connection is protected by an Internet content filter. Cellular data plans do not use FCPS's Internet connection and, therefore, do not use FCPS's Internet content filter. Students should only use the FCPS WiFi Internet connection with their BYOD equipment while on FCPS property.

Should I go out and buy my child a device?

Personally owned devices are a supplement to equipment already used in the classroom. BYOD is an optional program and parents are not required to purchase a device for their child. If a teacher requires a device for instructional purposes and a student does not have one, a device will be provided.