

WALTON-VERONA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL POLICY

Policy Number: 05.03

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)

POLICY STATEMENT

Responsible Use Guidelines

Introduction

Walton-Verona High School recognizes that our information-based world is becoming increasingly complex and students who are skilled in creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and information technologies are better prepared to be successful citizens in the global community. Just as new technologies are changing the world in which we live, they are providing new and positive educational benefits that help students develop these skills. The Walton-Verona High School also recognizes that it does not have the resources to provide these technologies to every student.

In an effort to bring more technology tools into our classroom and to leverage student-owned technology, Walton-Verona High School will allow personal technology devices to be brought onto the campus and onto our BearcatNet network. Students bringing such personal devices to school must follow all Kentucky law, Walton-Verona Independent Schools policies, the Acceptable Use Policy and the guidelines set forth in this document. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school policies and procedures while using personal devices.

Walton-Verona High School currently provides technology that is appropriate and relevant to support instructional purposes. Therefore, the use of personal devices by students is optional. Students who do not participate in B.Y.O.D. will not be penalized, and alternative modes of participation will be available.

Definition of Personal Technology Device

A personal technology device (PTD) is any privately-owned technology device that includes, but is not limited to: laptops, eReaders, iPads, iPods, tablets devices, PDAs, or other current or emerging devices that can be used for word processing, wireless or wired Internet access, recording of images/sound, email, etc. **Cell/Smart phones ARE NOT acceptable personal technology devices unless permitted by the teacher for that specific class period.**

Responsibility, Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the PTD secure rests with the individual owner. Walton-Verona High School is not liable for any device stolen, infected, or damaged on campus, at school functions, or on the school bus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that custom identification be used to physically identify your device. Example: School appropriate Skins (decals). Additionally, protective cases for technology are strongly encouraged.

It is a privilege, rather than a right, for a student to bring personal technology devices to school. When the policies are followed, our learning environment will be enhanced. However, when policies are abused, the privileges may be taken away and confiscation and/or disciplinary action may occur.

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Chairperson Signature

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Policies

1. Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy, and all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use.
2. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and for use during specific projects.
3. Approved devices must be in silent mode while on school campuses, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Devices must be in silent mode while on the school bus.
4. Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and personal text/instant messaging).
5. Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images, sound, or video of a person or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise directed by a teacher for specific educational purpose.
6. All PTD are required to be registered on the BearcatNet to access the internet while on campus. Students **may not** use personal data plans while at school to access the internet.
7. Students acknowledge that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and student will not bypass or attempt to bypass them.
8. Devices may only be used to access files on computer or Internet sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Unless specifically directed by a teacher, a student turning on or activating a cell phone or other electronic device during testing or assignments except in the case of emergency as defined by policy, will be subject to discipline and confiscation of the device in accordance with that policy.
9. Student must comply with all teacher requests regarding technology, such as shutting down, closing screen, storing, etc.
10. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems that violate either a school rule or law of the state of Kentucky as defined in the Code of Conduct.
11. Printing from personal laptops or devices will not be possible at school.
12. Personal devices should be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school. Walton-Verona Independent Schools will not be responsible for providing charging stations/facilities.
13. Walton-Verona Independent Schools will not provide repair, software installation services, or technical support to any PTD.
14. Students will not monopolize the resources of the BearcatNet by running large programs or application over the network, sending massive amounts of emails to other uses, or using the system resources for games or streaming of music or videos.

I/we understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I/we further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of B.Y.O.D. privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

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