



SWISD 2014-2015 Mobile Learning Initiative

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Guidelines & Agreement Grades 6 – 9: Select Campuses Only

As a part of the Mobile Learning Initiative at Southwest ISD, students have the option to acquire a school-issued device OR use a personal device. Southwest ISD recognizes the value that mobile technology devices can bring to students. This “Bring Your Own Device” or BYOD option provides students with choices in their learning.

Access and Support

1. When using their devices on district property, students must use the district’s filtered Internet that is consistent with district owned devices. This access is for educational purposes only. The user experience will vary depending on the device that is being used.
2. Personal mobile learning devices will have access to SWISD Guest wireless network. Bypassing or attempting to bypass this network through proxies, cellular network cards, tethering, or other means is not allowed. Those devices with a data plan through their cellular provider will need to turn off this mobile network when on school premises.
3. Use of personal mobile learning devices is prohibited in locker rooms, dressing rooms, bathrooms, or other locations that are private in nature.
4. Technical support will not be provided for personal devices. The student must take full responsibility for setting up and maintaining the device. Students are responsible for ensuring their mobile learning device has virus protection and free of any viruses.

Expectations

Possession or use of a mobile learning device may not, in any way:

1. Disrupt the educational process of the school district.
2. Endanger the health or safety of the student or anyone else.
3. Invade the rights and privacy of others at school.
4. Involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.

Responsibilities

1. Southwest Independent School District shall not be responsible for the safety, security, loss, or damage of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school.
2. The Southwest Independent District does not provide personal property insurance for any personally owned wireless communication devices. Such insurance can be obtained by an independent carrier at the expense of the student and his/her family.
3. Loss of access to personal mobile learning devices can occur if the district becomes concerned about its appropriate use. Examples of district concerns may include but are not



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limited to: safety, potential for disruption to educational processes, and security issues related to connecting a personal device to the district network.

4. When the devices are used on school property, the district may examine the personal electronic devices and search its contents if there is reason to believe that school policies, rules or regulations have been violated. The building administration may involve law enforcement if the device is used for an illegal purpose.
5. Permission for use of a mobile learning device is allowed after both the BYOD Agreement and the Student Handbook Agreement is signed by the student and a parent/guardian.
6. The requester and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) should be aware that the Southwest Independent School District does not have control of the information on the Internet, but takes measures to protect our children through Internet filtering and education of ethical and appropriate use.

In addition to these guidelines, the Authorized User Policy (AUP) of Southwest Independent School District applies to personal devices that are brought to school. For the complete description of the Acceptable Use Policy, please visit the school district website at www.swisd.net and review the Student Handbook. This guideline is in effect while the student is on school premises, or participating in school sanctioned activities. School premises includes, but are not limited to, any place which is owned, rented, or under the control of Southwest Independent School District. Possession or use of any mobile learning device by students is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy.



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Agreement Page

Use of guest electronic devices on the Southwest ISD network is a privilege that supports school appropriate learning. The smooth operation and maintenance of the computer system(s) relies on users adhering to established guidelines. Therefore, by signing this agreement, users acknowledge that they have read all 3 pages the BYOD Guidelines and understand the responsibilities.

By signing this agreement, students and parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to abide by the restrictions outlined on pages 1-3. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow.

Failure to sign this policy and the Student Handbook by both the user and parent/guardian will result in denial of use of personal electronic devices on the Southwest ISD network.

I have read and understand the terms of the Southwest ISD's BYOD guidelines and agree to those terms. I hereby give my permission to my child to bring an electronic device to school and use it on the Southwest ISD network and I certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Student Name (please print):

Parent Name (please print):

Date:

Phone:

Student Signature:

Parent Signature: