

# **Cumby ISD “Bring Your Own Technology” (BYOT) Agreement Form And Protocol for the Use of Technology on Campus**

At Cumby ISD, we use technology as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors students will need to succeed in the global community. These technologies may include, but are not limited to, district-provided equipment as well as personal devices. With these new opportunities come new responsibilities. We want students to embrace appropriate use of technology so they may become responsible, digital citizens.

## **Definition of “Technology”**

For purposes of BYOT, “Technology” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

## **Internet**

Only the internet gateway provided by the school district may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones/cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time. The only exception to this protocol is when a student’s personal device will not sync with the school provided gateway. Only at this time may students connect only with an outside internet source (i.e. 3G or 4G) and only with the classroom teacher’s permission.

## **Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the personal technology secure rests with the individual owner. Cumby ISD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. Cumby ISD cannot replace or provide financial restitution for any stolen or damaged personal technological device. If any technological device is stolen or damaged, the issue will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches be used to physically identify your personal technology from others. Additionally, protective cases for technological devices are encouraged.

## **BYOT Student Agreement**

The use of technology to provide educational material is a privilege. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOT must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Additionally, technology:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging). \*
- May not be used to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours for non-instructional purposes. \*
- May only be used to access files, applications or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Non-instructional games are not permitted.
- May only be used in an instructional setting, this may include use while in the library.
- May only be used during actual class time while on school campuses, unless the instructional setting extends to after school program or library as designated by the teacher who is providing onsite supervision.

### **Students acknowledge that:**

- The district's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- Each individual teacher will have the authority to determine whether BYOT items are allowed or restricted for use in their classroom. In addition, teachers may allow or restrict BYOT items by activity.
- Intentionally bringing on premises or infecting the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the RUP.
- The district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or is the source of an attack or virus infection.
- **PRINTING** from personal technology will not be possible at school.
- Personal technology must be charged prior to bringing it to school and must run off its own battery while at school.
- **The district is NOT responsible for stolen or damaged personal technological devices.**
- **The district is NOT responsible for the maintenance or repair of any personal technology.**
- **The district is NOT responsible for any costs incurred due to use of personal technology.**

The student chooses to participate in BYOT this school year.

*I understand that participation is voluntary. I understand and will abide by the above requirements and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.*

The student chooses to NOT participate in BYOT this school year.

**Note # 1:** \* Violation of those procedures and protocols notated with a star will result in the student losing their privileges for a minimum of 90 days. A second offense will result in the student losing their BYOT privileges permanently.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_