



TECHNOLOGY USE TO ENHANCE EDUCATION

at

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

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ArchBishop Hoban High School documents)*

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage educational growth, students at Smyrna High School may now bring their own mobile device to campus subject to the following guidelines and expectations.

Personally Owned Electronic Device

For the purposes of Personally Owned Electronic Device, “Device” means privately owned portable electronic equipment that includes smart phones or other portable devices (i.e. MP3 Player, electronic book, tablet, etc) that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. The Smyrna School District will not provide any wireless or Ethernet connections. Students are able to use the Internet via their personally owned device and personal data plan. Hot Spots or mobile wireless access points are not permitted.

Acceptable Use

Smyrna High School staff and administration considers Internet, computer, and mobile device usage as both a privilege and a necessity for students to bridge the limits of our physical building and to experience enhanced learning. However, the administration, staff, and students agree to follow and adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Smyrna School District’s Acceptable Use Policy. The Policy provides general guidelines concerning the use of school computers and other electronic devices and provides examples of prohibited uses. These rules apply to all school computers, all school-provided electronic devices, all school servers, and all Internet access and networks, regardless of how or where they are accessed. In addition, Smyrna High School considers parents and guardians to be vital stewards of our students’ instructional support system, and as such, we ask parents and guardians to agree to set and follow reasonable guidelines for supervision outside of school and on personal devices during the school day.

General Staff Responsibilities:

Staff members in charge of supervising students will monitor student use of the Internet and technology to ensure acceptable use and academic focus. Staff members will also attend periodic training and professional development to enhance their understanding of technology and its implementation for use in the classroom to support instruction.

Parent and Guardian Responsibilities:

While the district offers a filtering system on the school network, Smyrna High School recognizes that other networks may not be filtered. We ask that parents discuss and establish acceptable use in their homes and hold their children accountable to those expectations. While there are security settings available in the

“Settings” of the most mobile devices, Smyrna High School will leave those options to parents/guardians to investigate and set as they deem appropriate.

Student Responsibilities:

In order to maintain the privilege of using technology at school, students must agree to comply with the following:

1. Use of technology at school must be grounded in academic purpose and align with objectives and goals of the instructional programs of Smyrna High School.
2. Users agree to monitoring and supervision, and recognize that Smyrna High School staff reserves the right to determine if use of the technology is consistent with the Acceptable Use Policy.
3. Users agree to maintain the software and configuration of school owned technology as set by Smyrna High School.
4. Users must agree to the following codes of acceptable conduct for electronic communications including mobile devices, electronic mail, messaging, social networking, and Web involvement and applications:
 - a. Use of these tools should be for academic purposes only.
 - b. When using these communication tools, users must agree to use extreme caution when revealing information of a personal nature.
 - c. While faculty and students are encouraged to use wikis or Eagles Nest (Blackboard) sites as extensions of the classroom, those spaces must have appropriate security measures to ensure that membership to that space is limited to the learners involved in the actual classroom environment.
 - d. Teachers agree to monitor student interaction appropriately when students communicate using electronic means as a group (i.e. blogs, wikis, etc.)
5. Students will care for the hardware and software as tools of learning and will keep them in good working order.
 - a. Food and drink should be kept away from technology devices.
 - b. Equipment should be kept secure and treated carefully at all times. At a minimum this should include a secure password to protect the data and personal information on the device.
6. Students will be personally and solely responsible for the security of electronic devices brought to school. The school shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made with the electronic device. The school is not obligated to investigate any lost or stolen personal electronic device for a student.
7. Students are responsible for ensuring that personal devices are charged and in working order. Smyrna High School will not supply technical support, charging stations, or charging resources for students.

As responsible users of technology, students, staff, and administration agree that, as outlined in the District's Acceptable Use Policy (attached), the following are examples of **unacceptable uses** of technology. Please refer to the Policy for more detailed examples in these areas:

- a. Access to inappropriate material
- b. Unlawful purposes, including recording, sharing and/or posting of recorded material, images or audio without former consent of all parties.
- c. Security violations
- d. Any activity that disrupts the educational process

Some technology is equipped with camera and video capacities. Smyrna High School retains the rights concerning any recording and/or publishing of any student or staff member's work or image. Students must obtain permission to record a photograph or video of any school related activity. Unauthorized recordings are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Smyrna High School Code of Conduct. In addition, if the student's device has cellular phone service, the student's use of that service during school hours must be approved by school staff or administration.

Consequences:

Violating the Acceptable Use Policy of the school and district may result in, but are not limited to, the following consequences:

- Warning
- Discipline referral
- Parent conference
- Detention
- Loss of technology privileges
- Suspension
- Discipline Hearing/Possible Expulsion
- Referral to law enforcement.

Disclaimer:

Smyrna High School and the Smyrna School District will periodically review the acceptable use policy and reserve the right to change the policy to further the academic environment of our school. Smyrna High School cannot be held accountable for the following:

1. Damages users may suffer, including loss of data from delays or service interruptions/malfunctions caused by negligence, errors or omissions. Users agree to use technology, storage and data at their own risk.

2. Costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting information or any costs, liability, or damages caused by the way a user chooses to use his/her device.

Legal Propriety:

Students must be aware of and comply with trademark and copyright laws and all license agreements. Ignorance of the law is not immunity. If a user is unsure consult a parent or teacher. Examples of violating legal propriety include but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism; this is a violation of the Smyrna High School Student Code of Conduct. Credit must be given to all sources used, whether quoted or summarized. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text.
- Illegal software or media of any kind. The use or possession of hacking software or illegally downloaded media is strictly prohibited. Violation of applicable state or federal law will result in criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action by the District.