



B.Y.O.T.

(Bring Your Own Technology)

A guide for Students, Staff, and Parents

Purpose

Dover City School district is committed to moving toward a 21st century learning environment. As a part of this commitment, DCS will allow access for students and staff to a wireless network, using their own technology. With teacher / staff approval, students will be able to access a filtered Internet connection to be used for educational purposes. We realize that not every student owns a device; for those who do, some may choose not to bring their personally-owned technology to school. Additionally, there is absolutely no expectation that parents should provide a device to their child for this program.

Plan

Students, staff, and visitors at the Dover High School and Dover Middle School, may bring their devices to Dover Schools. Users will be prompted to accept the Dover City Schools District Wireless User Agreement. Users will be responsible for adhering to all other district/building acceptable use policies, codes of conduct, or administrative guidelines while using the district's wireless network.

Students, staff, and visitors who do not accept the Dover City Schools Wireless User Agreement will not be permitted network access. Once a user has accepted the Public Wireless User Agreement, he/she will have access to a filtered Internet connection and will not be permitted to bypass this filter for any reason.

Policy

Definition of “Technology”

For the purpose of this B.Y.O.T. program, “Technology” means any privately owned wireless communication device or portable electronic equipment. This includes, but is not limited to: smartphones, tablets, netbooks, chromebooks, and laptops.

Areas / Times of Use:

Area / Time of Use	Use Permitted?
Classrooms	Staff Discretion
Hallways / Class Change	No
Restrooms / Locker Rooms	No
Cafeteria / Lunch	Yes
District Sponsored Extra-Curricular	Staff Discretion
School Buses or other transport	Staff Discretion
Library	Yes
Study Hall	Yes

Internet Access

When using personal devices at school, students and staff will only be permitted to access the Internet through the Dover City School District wireless network. This is the same “Filtered” Internet connection that all school computers use. Internet connections such as 3G / 4G cellular or other mobile Internet provider connections are NOT permitted.

Security and Damages

The responsibility to keep any personally owned device secure and safe rests entirely with the individual owner. The Dover City School District cannot be responsible for any device damaged or stolen while on district property. It is recommended that all devices be labeled or otherwise identified before being brought to school.

Privileges and Rights

Use of this wireless resource is a privilege, not a right, intended to enhance teaching and learning. Users may be denied access at any time, for any reason. Students should not have the expectation of privacy on any device they bring into the Dover City School District. If staff members suspect improper use and/or abuse of this or related policies, they have the right to confiscate related BYOT student technology at any time.

Guidelines

In addition to the Dover City Schools Student Acceptable Use Policy, student code of conduct, board policies, building policies and administrative guidelines already in place, there are additional guidelines / policies users should be aware of:

1. All devices should, by default, be set to mute/silent.
2. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices to capture, record, or transmit the audio or images (i.e. pictures / video), of any student, staff member, or other person on school property or while attending a school-related activity without the express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such audio or images. Using an electronic device to capture, record or transmit audio or images of an individual or group without his/her/their consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted. Students who violate this provision and/or use an electronic device to violate the privacy rights of another person may have their device confiscated. Additional consequences may apply at the discretion of the principal, or administration.
3. Student use of any electronic device while in class, and while participating in school activities, is restricted to academic or instructional purposes as determined by the instructor. During these times, the use of such devices for personal, business, or entertainment purposes is prohibited (e.g., no games).
4. The Dover City School District cannot provide access to our internal resources or servers to any personally-owned devices.
5. The Dover City School District cannot provide access to our copiers or printers to any personally-owned devices.
6. The Dover City School District or its staff cannot provide any technical assistance on personally-owned devices. Users are directed to utilize their user manuals and other resources provided by their device manufacturer for technical assistance.
7. The Dover City School District cannot guarantee the opportunity to charge any personal device. It is the responsibility of the user to have a properly charged device before school.