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# BYOT Policy

## Philosophy:

While they have their flaws and distractions, cell phones, computers, tablets, and other electronic devices offer amazing potential in the classroom. With access to the internet, audio and video editing abilities, and instant publication potential, these devices truly deserve time and attention in the classroom. Provided they are used for appropriate means, such devices will be allowed in my classroom this year.

## Rules and Considerations:

1. Devices are a privilege. Treat them as such and we will have no problems. Abuse the privilege and yours will be taken or forbidden while in class.
2. Devices must be used appropriately. Behavior such as texting, making calls, taking pictures or recording video without asking permission is both rude and disruptive in school. Appropriate use of the internet will also be observed at all times.
3. Devices are your responsibility. If you bring in your own device, neither myself nor the district is responsible for a device that is lost, broken, or stolen while in the class, the hallway, lockers, or anywhere on school property. No student is required to bring in a device, nor should they feel pressured to bring in something they fear might be damaged. In many cases we will have technology available for you.
4. Use of devices will be limited in the early days of the year and (hopefully) expanded as time goes on. Demonstrate that you can be trusted with open access to devices and more freedom will be granted.
5. Devices will be open. If you are using a device in class, it should be visible throughout all tasks. Hiding laptop screens and texting under desks is still considered inappropriate.

With all of these rules and considerations, feel free to use as many or few devices as you'd like throughout the year!

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I understand and accept the terms of the BYOT policy:

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