

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to School



As new and emerging technologies continue to change the world we live in, they also provide an opportunity for many unique and positive educational benefits to the classroom. Therefore, PWCS has decided to allow the implementation of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in our Division. BYOD will allow students in PWCS to bring their own personal computing device to school to enhance the instructional learning process and become proficient 21st Century Digital Citizens.

Definition of BYOD



For purposes of BYOD, "Device" means a personally owned wireless and/or portable computing device that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems, portable Internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, and wireless Internet access.

Regulation 295-1 and Prince William County Schools Student Code of Behavior

"Computer Systems and Network Services - PWCS Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy," and the PWCS Student Code of Behavior both reflect the use of personally owned computing devices in school. All students who chose to participate will continue to adhere to revised Regulation 295-1 and the PWCS Student Code of Behavior.

Student reminders based on Regulation 295-1 and the PWCS Student Code of Behavior:

- Possession of communication devices by students or staff on PWCS grounds is a privilege, not a right, and any staff member or student who brings a communication device on PWCS property consents to these rules and to the School Division's right to confiscate and/or search such devices;
- All devices must be set to silent or vibrate mode, with audible signals disabled during all in-school use;
- Speaker settings must be turned off. Audio content must be delivered by means of earphones or handsets to prevent any disruption of school activities;
- For each specific testing situation, Principals and/or classroom teachers will establish and state specific rules governing the use of devices
- Students will access only files and Internet sites that are relevant to the curriculum.

BYOD Guidelines

Each PWCS Administrator will determine if, when, and how BOYD will be put into practice at their individual building. Administrators will provide guidance on the classroom implementation of BYOD to their teachers with instructional technology support from the ITRT, and infrastructure support from the TSSPEC.

BYOD permissions may temporarily be suspended at any time in keeping with rules surrounding the implementation of standardized tests or other specialized school activities. Students and staff should be cautioned BYOD connectivity cannot be guaranteed at any location all the time.