

## **Use of Personal Mobile Devices (BYOD - Bring Your Own Device)**

Galena Park ISD believes technology is a powerful tool that enhances learning and enables students to access a vast amount of academic resources. The District's goal is to increase student access to digital tools and facilitate immediate access to technology-based information, much the way that students utilize pen and paper. To this end, the District will provide a filtered, wireless network through which students in specific age groups will be able to connect privately owned (personal) mobile devices. Students using personal mobile devices must follow the guidelines stated in this document while on school property, attending any school-sponsored activity, or using the Galena Park ISD network.

Students are allowed to bring personal mobile devices that can access the Internet for educational purposes as determined by the school and classroom teacher.

### **Guidelines:**

- In order to utilize Galena Park ISD's wireless Internet access and participate in Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), students and a parent or legal guardian must review and sign the Acceptable Use Policy agreement form. The Acceptable Use Policy agreement will be considered a legally binding agreement.
- Galena Park ISD provides filtered internet access and a wireless SSID for personal devices. Users are required to use GPISD filtered guest wireless network when accessing the Internet.
- The student is fully responsible, at all times, for the personally owned device brought to school. Galena Park ISD is not liable for any loss, damage, or theft of a personally owned device.
- The student is responsible for the condition of the device brought to school, including updates, antivirus software, and repair.
- Personal devices should be charged and recharged outside of school, unless specific permission is granted.
- Personal device use is limited exclusively to campuses and classrooms participating in the BYOD Program. Outside these classrooms all electronic devices should be turned off and should not be visible.
- Students may not use any device or service for non-educational purposes during school hours.
- No device, personal or otherwise, may be used to record, store, or transmit any type of image, sound, or video from Galena Park ISD, except for approved projects with the express permission of the teacher.
- If reasonable belief exists that the student has violated the terms of this agreement, or other school policy, the student's device may be inspected and/or confiscated. Subsequent or additional disciplinary action involving misuse of technology may extend to loss of technology privileges or further action as determined by Galena Park ISD.

### **Security:**

- A student who gains access to any inappropriate or harmful material is expected to discontinue the access and to report the incident to the supervising staff member.
- Any student identified as a security risk or as having violated the Acceptable Use Policy may be denied access to the District's system. Other consequences may also be assigned.

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- A student who knowingly brings prohibited materials into the school's electronic environment will be subject to suspension of access and/or revocation of privileges on the District's system and will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Subject to Monitoring:**

- All District computer/network/Internet usage shall not be considered confidential and is subject to monitoring by designated staff at any time to ensure appropriate use.
- All electronic files transmitted through or stored in the computer system will be treated no differently than any other electronic file.
- The District reserves the right to access, review, copy, modify, delete or disclose such files for any purpose.
- Students should treat the computer system like a shared or common file system with the expectation that electronic files, sent, received or stored anywhere in the computer system, will be available for review by any authorized representative of the District for any purpose.
- Personal mobile devices are subject to examination in accordance with disciplinary guidelines if there is reason to believe that the Acceptable Use Policy has been violated.

### **Inappropriate Use:**

- Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:
  - use that violates the law
  - use that are violations in this document
  - use that violates the rules of network etiquette
  - use that hampers the integrity or security of the computer/network/Internet system or any components that are connected to it

The above actions are considered inappropriate uses, are prohibited, and will result in revocation of the student's access to the computer/network/Internet.

- Violations of Law. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene material;
  - copyrighted material;
  - plagiarized material;
  - material protected by trade secret; or
  - blog posts, Web posts, or discussion forum/replies posted to the Internet which violate federal or state law.