



## BYOD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### Online Learning Student Laptop Program

#### What is a Use Your Own Device (BYOD) policy?

The Seattle Public School (SPS) BYOD policy allows students to use their personal devices at school or during online learning. To be compatible with classroom or online learning, the device must be able to connect to the school's or SPS wireless network. Students will use their devices in the classroom or online learning to access and save information from the Internet, collaborate with other learners, and utilize the productivity tools, such as OneDrive, that are available to them.

#### What devices are appropriate for BYOD?

Devices that are acceptable for this BYOD include devices with the following minimum specifications:

##### **High School**

- Processor -dual core @2.4 GHz (i5, or i7 Intel processor or equivalent AMD)
- RAM 8GB
- Hard Drive – 320GB 5400RPM hard drive or 240 GB for Solid State Drives
- Dual Band Wireless AC (802.11AC) (WAP support required)

##### **Middle School and Grades 3-5:**

- 11.6", Celeron N4100
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB SSD
- Touch-Screen, One HDMI, Two USB 3.0, Above-Monitor and World-Facing Cameras

##### **Grades PreK-2:**

- 10.2-inch iPad
- Wi-Fi
- 32GB

#### Is it mandatory for students to use a device to school?

Participation in BYOD is *optional*. Students who choose not to use their personal device will be able to have a District or SPS computer checked out to them. The school will provide access to devices when district technology is required, for example, SBAC testing, if unable to complete on a personal device.

#### Will students be able to access inappropriate content?

BYOD will allow students access to the school's or SPS student Wi-Fi network. The network is filtered to block access to inappropriate content. However, no filtering system is perfect. If students inadvertently access unsuitable content, they should inform their classroom or online learning teacher immediately. Any intentional attempt to circumvent the network filter is a violation of the district's network use agreement.

What happens when my child's device battery dies?

As with a school-issued device, your child is responsible for having his or her device charged for school or online learning each day. If your child's device battery dies, it is recommended that the student have access to a charger while during classroom or online learning sessions.

What if my child's device is stolen or damaged?

Students using electronic devices at school or using them during online learning do so at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The school or SPS will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen, damaged or misplaced. If school is physically in session, please contact school staff if your student's device is stolen. It is advised that you label the device and record device details such as make, model, serial number, and install tracking software, if available.

What if a student doesn't have the resources to purchase a device for school or online learning?

Using a device for personal use is *optional*. Students not opting to use a personal device can use a school district or SPS issued device. Students may have access to a district or SPS loaner device in the event their device is unavailable for a short period.

Will my child have access to technical support while at school?

Your child must be familiar with how to use his or her device. Instructions will be available to explain how to access the school or SPS WiFi network. However, school or SPS personnel will not troubleshoot hardware, software, or network issues on a personal device.

Will my child's device be confiscated if it is being used inappropriately?

Yes, when school is physically in session. If there is suspicion of inappropriate content or misuse, School Board policy and the student handbook policies will be followed by the school administration, which can include confiscating and searching a device. For online learning, the Principal or Teacher will determine if the student can continue schooling with their current device, based on the severity of the offense.

Will parents' cellular plans be impacted by providing a device for school use?

Students must connect to the school's or SPS student Wi-Fi network. Any cellular network charges will be the responsibility of the parent.

When can students use their devices at schools or for online learning?

A device must be used for educational purposes under the direction and supervision of school personnel. Usage is based on the discretion of the teacher and is not guaranteed in every class period.