

## Pinellas County Schools BYOD Agreement

**Purpose:**

Pinellas County Schools has implemented a Bring Your Own Device program enabling students to bring wireless devices for use in the classroom. At home students are actively using wireless devices to do homework, research projects, read, and communicate with friends, etc. The opportunity to use wireless devices is almost limitless. Students wishing to participate must follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy as well as the following guidelines.

**Device Types:**

For the purpose of this program, the word “device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, and smart phones capable of accessing the Internet.

**Guidelines:**

1. Any student who wishes to use a personally owned electronic device within the Pinellas County Schools network must read and sign this agreement along with a parent or guardian.
2. The use of BYOD is governed by Board Policy 5500.07 in the Code of Student Conduct and other School Board policies.
3. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device and keeps it with him or herself at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the device.
4. The student is responsible for the proper care of their personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school. No district staff member will diagnose, repair or work on a student’s device.
5. Administration reserves the right to inspect a student’s personal device if there is reason to believe, in the school personnel’s sole discretion, that the student has violated Board policies, administrative procedures, and school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.
6. Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student’s personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.
7. The student must comply with all teacher requests to shut down and secure the device.
8. Personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing it to school and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school. Charging of devices shall not occur at school.
9. The student should only use their device to access relevant files and websites deemed as educational and as directed by the teacher.
10. All users must sign onto the district’s designated BYOD network to ensure students are accessing only filtered content. All Pinellas County Schools networks are filtered for the safety of users in compliance with federal and state requirements.
11. The use of personal devices is never a requirement and will not impact student grades.
12. Any district provided curriculum applications downloaded to student’s personal devices belong to the school district and must be surrendered upon request.
13. The parents and students hereby release and hold the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and its employees harmless from any damage of claims arising as a result of student’s use of School Board’s or the school’s electronic network(s).

As a student, I understand and will abide by the above agreement and the Pinellas County Schools Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action. As a parent/guardian I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above agreement and guidelines. I have read and discussed them with her/him and they understand the responsibility they have in the use of their personal device.

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Device Brand/Model/Serial Number

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Student Signature/Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature/Date

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Administration Signature/Date

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