

## **Braden River's BYOD and Technology Expectation and Usage Policy**

As new technologies change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) encourages students to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. This document provides the expectations of Braden River in regard to technology use at school. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school's equipment. No student will be left out of our instruction.

**Internet:** The only internet permitted is our BRMS quest network, unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Hot spots or any internet access other than Manatee Guest are NOT permitted to be used at any time. BRMS's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass them or inflict the network program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access (backing) to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary actions.

**Security and Damages:** Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. Manatee County School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases and security codes are encouraged. The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.

**Technology Student Agreement:** The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school except in the approved class. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

- ∞ The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- ∞ Devices may not be used in the bathroom at any time.
- ∞ The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.
- ∞ The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- ∞ Printing from personal devices is not possible at school.
- ∞ The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the computer or close the screen.
- ∞ The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- ∞ No texting, No Photos/Videos, and No Social Media unless approved by the teacher for instruction.
- ∞ Understand that any of the above violations are unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or laptop privileges as well as other disciplinary action.
- ∞ Phones are not allowed to be out during passing periods (between classes). Students may use their phone before school, at lunch, and after school.

- ∞ Phones should only be out in the morning (before school), at lunch, and after dismissal. In the event that a phone is out in the hallway or classroom.
- ∞ External or portable speakers are not permitted at any time.

**Technology Parent Agreement:** My student will be subject to discipline for texting during the school day without teacher permission. I also understand that if my child is sick, he/she MUST go to the clinic to call home. As the parent/guardian of the student, I understand that although my student's teacher will encourage and enforce proper device usage of technology, it is my responsibility to check time stamps and social media usage to assure that my student is correctly using their equipment and time in school.

### **Cell Phones & Electronic Devices Misuse**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense Phone will be put in office for parent pick up

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3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Phone will be put in office for parent pick up / Plus 1 day ISS

4<sup>th</sup> Offense Phone will be put in office for parent pick up / Plus 3 days ISS

\*\*\*Any student who refuses to hand over any electronic device will be considered acting in defiance of authority and will be subject to a disciplinary action.