

Nolan's BYOD and Technology Expectation and Usage Policy

As new technologies continue to 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 Nolan in regards 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 the Nolan MANATEE GUEST Network unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Hot spots or any other internet access other than Manatee Guest are NOT permitted to be used at any time. Nolan's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass them or infect the network program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access (hacking) to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary actions. All technology use is at the discretion of the administrator or teacher.

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, security codes and 'find me' apps are encouraged. The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security nor damage 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 when approved. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Agreement includes:

- * The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.

- * Devices may not be used in the bathrooms 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.
- * Not used to contact parents/guardians/etc. without permission.
- * No devices or technology is to be used in the hallways. This includes listening to music on phones with earbuds. Earbuds, headphones, etc. must be placed in backpacks and not visible.
- * All devices are to be placed in backpacks when not being used in a classroom. Devices are not to be carried on person.

Understand that any of the above violations are unacceptable and may result in the loss of my network and/or technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action. Nolan Middle School follows the SDMC Student Code of Conduct regarding the inappropriate use of technology.

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 this student, I understand that although my student's teacher will encourage and enforce proper device usage of technology, however, 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. Also I understand that calling or texting my student during school hours is not allowed.

To Opt Out of the Nolan Technology Code of Conduct: In order to opt out of Nolan's BYOD and Technology usage contract please send in a letter within the first 14 days of school. Please know that opting out means your student will not be able to use any personal technology devices at school. Nolan's technology contract pertains to both BYOD and school owned devices.