

# VISD BYOT Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the productive instructional use of student owned technology devices in the classroom. Students are allowed and invited to bring personal technology devices to school in order to be used in their instruction so long as the device is easily transported, does not pose a danger, has WiFi capability, and has a web browser.

Examples of acceptable devices are:

- Laptops
- Tablets
- Smartphones
- Digital Music/Media Players

Examples of unacceptable devices are:

- Desktop computers
- Damaged devices that could pose a danger to people or property
- Devices that must be plugged to an electric outlet or ethernet port in order to function properly

Campus and district administrators have the authority to determine if a device is acceptable or unacceptable.

Students failing to comply with the expectations outlined in this policy are subject to discipline as outlined in their campus' applicable handbooks and student codes of conduct.

Student use of personal technology devices outside of the classroom:

- Students will refrain from using personal technology devices during passing periods
- at Venus Middle School
  - Only students that have earned the privilege of using their personal technology device to listen to music during lunch and advisory period will be permitted to use their device under the following conditions (earning the privilege will be determined by VMS administration):
    - Students will use headphones to listen to music
    - Students will refrain from sharing devices and headphones
    - Students will use their devices only when directed by a staff member and will place the device back in their pocket, purse, or bag upon the direction of a staff member
- at Venus High School
  - All students will be permitted to use their personal technology device to listen to music during lunch under the following conditions:
    - Students will use headphones to listen to music
    - Students will refrain from sharing devices and headphones
    - Students will have five minutes to use their device to select music for playback; at the conclusion of this time their device will be returned to their pocket, purse, or bag

Students will:

- Use personal technology devices only when directed to do so by a teacher.
- Connect to the internet via the "VISD-Students" WiFi network only.

- Use personal technology devices in accordance with the student code of conduct and the acceptable use policy.
- Keep devices turned off when not in classroom use.
- Ensure that their personal device is fully charged at the beginning of the school day.
- Refrain from using personal technology devices to make phone calls, send text messages, send emails, or post to social media unless expressly allowed by a teacher or administrator.
- Refrain from recording, transmitting, or posting images or video of a person, persons, or property on campus during school hours or during school activities, unless expressly allowed by a teacher for instructional purposes.
- Immediately relinquish possession of their device to a teacher or administrator upon request.
- Refrain from using personal technology devices when a substitute teacher is leading instruction.

Teachers will:

- Incorporate student owned technology devices into instruction in an educationally productive manner.
- Only have students use personal technology devices when you, the teacher of record, are present and leading instruction.
- Have complete discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom.
- Include instruction on appropriate digital citizenship when technology devices are being used.
- Hold students accountable for following the student code of conduct and the acceptable use policy.