



North Muskegon Public Schools

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose:

North Muskegon Public School uses Instructional Technology devices as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in variety of ways throughout the school day.

In an effort to increase access and use of those 21st century skills, NMPS will permit personally-owned electronic devices on school property and grant access to the NPS wireless network. The network provides the same protective web filters for inappropriate content as NMPS assigned student devices. Students, staff, and guests are expected to follow the responsibilities stated in the NMPS Acceptable Use Policy and corresponding guidelines regarding this procedure.

NMPS provides devices that is appropriate and adequate to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is completely optional.

An important component of BYOD will be the education of appropriate online behaviors and good digital citizenship. Cyber-safety rules will be reviewed with students throughout the course of the school year, and reminders and reinforcement about safe online behaviors take place through assemblies or classroom instruction.

Guidelines:

1. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Handbook, Acceptable Use Policy regardless of network mode of access, and all Board policies.
2. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
3. Administration has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices during the school day.
4. Devices are not permitted any under circumstance in the following areas/situations:
 - a. Locker rooms
 - b. Restrooms
 - c. Any private areas used for the purposes of changing clothing
 - d. As a disruption or hindrance to emergency situations or drills
 - e. Any other areas as designated by NMPS Staff
5. Devices may not be used to facilitate academic dishonesty such as cheating, sharing answers, or copying assignments, accessing grades, etc.
6. In the classroom, devices may only be used to access material/information relevant to the classroom curriculum; games are not permitted unless otherwise allowed by a teacher or administrator, including using the District's WiFi network to stream video/music.
7. All devices must access data via the District's NMPS WiFi Network and disable access to cellular data (e.g. 3G, 4G, LTE).



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Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that: The school's network filters and monitoring software (if applicable) will be applied to a device's connection to the NMPS WIFI Network and processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network filters and security policies is prohibited.

Students and parents are responsible for ensuring that adequate anti-virus software exists on the BYOD device to help prevent a device on premises that infects the network with a virus, trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information. NMPS Technology Department is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.

NMPS reserves the right to confiscate and examine any device, personal or District owned, when a student is suspected of violating the **Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Bring Your Own Device Procedure and/or Student Code of Conduct**. Students involved in such acts will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy. Legal authorities will be contacted if any local, state, and federal laws or FCC policies are violated.

Personal devices are expected to be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.

NMPS will **not service personal devices**, which includes troubleshooting, software or hardware issues. NMPS will not be held responsible for any damages as a result of charging or connection to a power supply at the school.

NMPS cannot be held responsible for any possible device charges that might be incurred during use (e.g. texting fees, download costs, roaming fees).

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Devices: Each user is responsible for his/her own device. North Muskegon Public Schools takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data. However, some homeowner policies may cover loss or damage to personal devices.

Network Considerations: Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications when using the NMPS wireless network. NMPS does not guarantee connectivity or quality of connection with personal devices.

I understand and will abide by the above procedures and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Student

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: