

## **Selma City Schools Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy**

### **Definition**

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is a policy that allows students to bring and use their own personal electronic devices at school. Devices include but may not be limited to: tablets (such as iPad), laptops, and netbooks (smartphones are not included). With teacher approval, students may use their devices in the classroom to access and save information from the Internet, collaborate with other learners, and utilize productivity tools available to them.

### **Purpose**

The BYOD program is designed to help students keep up with the demands of the 21st Century. Helping students become responsible digital citizens will enhance not only what we do in the classroom, but also give students authentic experiences to build their 21st Century skills (collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking) to prepare them for college and career.

### **Bring Your Own Device**

Selma City Schools offers filtered wireless access at all schools. Students in grades K-12 may bring a supported personal computing device (see equipment recommendations below) to school for educational purposes with teacher approval. While at school, students are required to connect to Selma City Schools' filtered Wi-Fi connection to ensure access to the best online resources.

### **Guidelines**

When using their device, students need to expand the concept of their school community to the community they will be interacting with online. Appropriate use of devices and rules concerning devices apply from the time the student leaves for school until the time they arrive home. Devices may not be used to disrupt the educational environment or violate the rights of others. Using the device to cheat, violate school conduct rules, harass/bully students or staff, or using the device for unlawful purposes will subject the student to disciplinary action. Serious offenses will be reported to the local authorities. Recording the voice or image of another in any way that disrupts the educational environment, invades the privacy of others, or is made without the consent of the individuals being recorded is prohibited. Devices recording the voice or image of another to take, transfer, or share any audio, video, or photographs that reveal parts of the body (ordinarily covered by clothing) is prohibited. The possession of pornographic images or video on any electronic device is prohibited.

## **Responsibility for Devices**

- The electronic devices that students bring to school are their sole responsibility.
- The campus or district assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged, or stolen. Only limited resources will be spent to locate lost or stolen items.
- Personal devices may be subject to investigation in accordance with District Policy.
- Students are expected to keep their devices secure at all times and not loan to others.
- Students are expected to exhibit digital responsibility and follow the Selma City Schools Acceptable Use Policy while using technology.
- Use of technology is a privilege, not a right. This privilege can be revoked.