2012-2013 Elementary Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) eReader Program

YCSD Student/Parent Policy for use of a Privately Owned Electronic Device

Beginning February 19, 2013, YCSD will allow 3rd and 4th grade students to use privately owned e-Reader devices for the purpose of “Independent Reading” during appropriate instructional times as designated by their teacher(s). This program is intended to meet the growing interest of both parents and students in using such devices for this purpose, therefore enhancing the students’ educational experience and outcomes. Utilizing such devices is a privilege, not a right, and it is not a requirement for division students. Permission to bring and use a privately owned device is contingent upon adherence to YCSD policy guidelines. If a privately owned device is used by a student to disrupt the educational environment, in the sole opinion of YCSD, that student’s privileges may be limited or revoked.

General Rules
The use of the privately owned electronic device is solely limited to support and enhance instructional activities currently occurring in the classroom environment.

Recognizing that all such devices may not be appropriate for instructional situations, personal electronic devices will be considered for classroom use if they are mobile and have the capability of storing and displaying content literature that is suitable for class. These items include, but are not limited to: Kindles, Nooks, iPads and iPod Touches. The final determination of devices that are appropriate to be used as e-Readers at school rests with the school division.

Students are prohibited from accessing the Internet using any WiFi or private 3G or 4G subscriptions through their own Internet service provider.

No privately owned electronic device may be attached to any YCSD network.

All information related to the privately owned electronic device(s) that is requested by this form will be submitted by the student prior to any use of the device at school.

No student shall establish a wireless ad-hoc or peer-to-peer network using his/her electronic device or any other wireless device while on school grounds. This includes, but is not limited to: Kindles, Nooks, iPads and iPod Touches. The final determination of devices that are appropriate to be used as e-Readers at school rests with the school division.

Violation of this term will result in disciplinary action and revocation of this privilege.

Sound should be muted unless the teacher grants permission for use of sound associated with the instructional activities.

The privately owned electronic device owner is the only person allowed to use the device.

No student shall use any device to illegally collect any electronic data or disrupt networking services. Students may not engage in any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school network, Internet services, learning environment or any other electronic device owned by the school, any school personnel and/or student.

Under the provisions of the BYOT program, parents who choose to allow students to use their own technology and students who bring personal technology do so knowing that it will diminish their expectation of privacy regarding their personal electronic device while at school. The school reserves the right to search a privately owned electronic device in accordance with applicable laws and policies if there is reasonable suspicion that the student has violated YCSD policies, administrative procedures, school rules, or engaged in other misconduct while using the device.

Privately Owned Electronic Device Security Risks
Devices are brought to school at the students’ and parents’ own risk. In the unlikely event that a privately owned device is lost, stolen or damaged, YCSD is not responsible for any financial or data loss.
Portable electronic devices are vulnerable to loss and theft. These devices should be engraved or otherwise permanently marked with owner information. Students and parents who choose to allow their children to bring privately owned electronic devices on school property must assume total responsibility for these devices and be aware of all risks. If a privately owned electronic device is stolen, this must be reported to a building administrator immediately. Per York County School Division policy, the school division will not accept responsibility for loss, damage, theft, damage or non-working personal property. Laptops and all other personal electronic devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged are the responsibility of the student and their parents or guardians. The school division and school division personnel cannot attempt to repair, correct, troubleshoot, or be responsible for malfunctioning personal hardware or software.

The school division reserves the right to examine the privately owned electronic device and search its contents if there is reason to believe that school division policies or local, state and/or federal laws have been violated.

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I/we have read the YCSD Privately Owned Electronic Device Policy form concerning the use of privately owned electronic devices and understand and agree to the terms and conditions herein. I/we understand that this policy form and the privilege to use privately owned electronic devices in school can be revoked at any time.

I/we have signed and returned the York County School Division Acceptable Use Policy for the student indicated below.

I/we understand that violation of these provisions may result in the confiscation of a personal electronic device by the school administration, any other designated school division representative, or local law enforcement and that legal action may occur according to law.

I/we understand that we are responsible for compensating the school division for any losses, costs or damages incurred due to violations of YCSD Board policies/procedures and school rules by the student in conjunction with the use of his/her personal electronic device, including the cost of investigating such violations.

I/we give permission for my student, (please print name) _________________________ to use a personal electronic device at ___________________________________________________ School.

I/we DO NOT give permission for my student, (please print name) _________________________ to use a personal electronic device at ___________________________________________________ School.

Parent Signature _________________________ Date ______________

I understand the above rules and policy for using a personal electronic device at ___________________________________________________ School and agree to follow the rules outlined.

Student Signature _________________________ Date ______________