

Bring Your Own Device Guideline

The Merton Community School District recognizes the value technology devices add to the educational experience of all students as well as aid in improving communication with parents. Therefore, the use of personally-owned wireless electronic devices (WED) including laptops, netbooks, ipods, cell phones and others are permitted for students in grades 4-8. Such possession or use of the WED may not, in any way,

1. Disrupt the educational process in the school district
2. Endanger the health or safety of the student or anyone else
3. Invade the rights of others at school
4. Involve in illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind

Also, students shall not be allowed any personal use during class time nor shall they access personal data plans while in school.

In addition to this guideline, the Responsible Use Policy (RUP) of the Merton Community School District applies to personal devices that are brought to school. This guideline is in effect while the student is on school premises. School premises include any place which is owned, rented, or under the control of the Merton Community School District. Possession or use of any WED by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy.

Access and Appropriate Use

With these devices, students will have access to a filtered Internet which is consistent to the filtered access if they were using a district owned device. This access is for educational purposes only. The user experience will vary depending on the device used. Use of personal WED is prohibited in locker rooms, dressing rooms, bathrooms, or other locations that are private in nature.

Personal WED will have access to our mobile wireless network. Bypassing or attempting to bypass this network through proxies, cellular network cards, tethering, or other means is not allowed. Those devices with a data plan through their cellular provider will need to turn off this network when on school premises.

Technical support will not be provided for personal devices. The student must take full responsibility for setting up and maintaining the device. Students are responsible for ensuring their WED has virus protection and free of any viruses.

Safety and Security

Students who bring in electronic wireless devices do so at their own risk. The Merton Community School District shall not be responsible for the safety, security, loss, or damage of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school. Investigation by school officials of loss, theft or damage will be minimal unless it can be established that the student adequately secured the device, such as keeping it in a locked locker.

The Merton Community School District does not provide personal property insurance for any personally owned wireless communication devices. Such insurance can be obtained by an independent carrier.

Consequences of Appropriate Use

Loss of access to personal WED can occur if the district becomes concerned about its appropriate use. Examples of District concerns include safety, potential for disruption to educational processes, and security issues related to connecting a personal computer to the District network.

When the devices are used on school property, they will be treated as school property. The district may examine the personal electronic devices and search its contents if there is reason to believe that school policies, rules or regulations have been violated. The building administration may involve law enforcement if the device is used for an illegal purpose or for a purpose that causes harm to others.

Permission for use of a WED is allowed after the Wireless Electronic Device Agreement and Responsible Use Policy agreement is signed by the student and a parent/guardian.

Student Electronic Device Agreement Merton Community School District

Use of guest electronic devices on the Merton Community Schools network is a privilege that should be used to support learning appropriate for school. The smooth operation and maintenance of the computer system(s) relies on users adhering to established guidelines. Therefore, by signing this agreement, users acknowledge that they have read the Personal Wireless Electronic Device Guideline and understand the responsibilities.

The requester and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) should be aware that the Merton Community School District does not have control of the information on the Internet, but takes all measures possible to protect our children through internet filtering and education of ethical and appropriate use. Some sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people.

By signing this agreement, students and parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to abide by the restriction outlined in the Personal Wireless Electronic Device policy. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow.

Failure to sign this policy and the Responsible Use Policy by both the user and parent/guardian will result in denial of use of personal electronic devices on the Merton mobile network. I have read and understand the terms of the Merton Community Schools Electronic Communication Device guideline and agree to those terms. I hereby give my permission to my child to bring an electronic device to school and use it on the Merton Community Schools mobile network and I certify that the information contained on this form is correct. [Here is an option to fill out this form electronically.](#)

Type of Device

Student Signature

Date

Grade

Student Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

Phone Number

Parent Name (please print)