

Responsible Use of BYOD Agreement at East Cary Middle School

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage these benefits, East Cary Middle School is allowing you to **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**.

The purpose of this document is to inform parents, guardians, and students of the rules governing the use of personally owned computing/network devices while on or near school property, in school vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities, as well as the district's technology resources via remote access.

ECMS Vision

ECMS believes the BYOD initiative will support challenging educational opportunities to meet unique academic needs, connect resources and people, inspire innovation, and promote digital citizenship in a global society.

ECMS Overview

Why BYOD?

- More personalized instruction allowing students to work at their own pace and access information at their own level.
- Expands our school's learning resources.
- Relevant to our 21st century society.
- Allows students to develop skills that prepare student career and college readiness.
- Provides more opportunities to those that don't have resources at home to have more access to technology at school.
- Allows more divergent, engaging, and collaborative approaches to learning.
- Improves communication skills.

East Cary Middle School defines "devices" as privately owned wireless and portable electronic devices that can be used for wireless Internet access, word processing, image/video capturing, sound recording, and information transmitting. No particular device is endorsed or required. It is not a requirement for students to bring a device. Students who don't bring their own devices to school will be provided access to technology available at East Cary Middle School.

Security and Damages

East Cary Middle School's administration, teachers and/or staff are not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. We recommend using

skins (decals) and protective cases for an easy identification, differentiation, and protection of personal devices. If a device is stolen or damaged, the situation will be handled through the administrative office.

Participation

Participation in the BYOD program requires parents and students to review, sign, and return the BYOD contract found on the next page.

Personally Owned Computing/Network Device Acceptance of Responsibility and Device Contract at East Cary Middle School

Student will be permitted to use personal technology devices only if the contract is signed by all parties and returned to the homeroom teacher. **Please read carefully and initial every statement:**

Student	Parent	Expectations
		Students must have granted permission on the WCPSS Technology and Digital Resource Use Consent form.
		Students take <i>full responsibility</i> for their devices. Personal technology should not be left on campus before or after school hours. Devices will not be accepted at the front office if forgotten at home.
		Students must <i>immediately comply with teachers'</i> requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices will not be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher. Teachers will have discretion for use with a substitute teacher.
		Students are expected to <i>respect and protect the privacy</i> of others and are not permitted to capture, transmit, or post photographs/videos of any person on campus to individuals, public, or social networking sites unless directed by school staff.
		Students are expected to use devices at school <i>for educational purposes only</i> . Students will access files or Internet sites relevant to the classroom curriculum and supported by teachers.
		Students understand that devices cannot be used during transition times, in the hallways/courtyards, in the bathroom, in the locker room, in the cafeteria, or at any other non-instructional time unless directed by school staff.
		Students and parents understand that devices cannot be used at school for personal texting or personal email.
		Students and parents understand that infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information will result in disciplinary actions.
		Due to infrastructure, students understand that printing from personal devices will not be permitted at school.
		Students understand they are prohibited from using or touching any student's device other than their own.
		Administration reserves the right to collect and examine any device if the situation warrants.
		Students are expected to follow the Wake County Public School System Student Code of Conduct Board policy 6410 and Board Policy 6446 Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources. Any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of technology privileges at school, as well as other disciplinary action.
		Devices will be connected to the WAKE-BYOD WiFi network at all times. Using any other network while at school is not permitted.

We understand the use of personal devices to support educational experience is ***not a necessity but a privilege***. When expectations are abused, or the above contract is violated, the privilege of participating in BYOD could be revoked.

Parent/Guardian Name Print

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name Print

Student Signature

Date

Grade/Track