

# Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.) Policy

#### I. AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS

Access to the Palmdale School District's filtered wireless network utilizing personal wireless devices shall be made available to students for instructional purposes only, per the District's Responsible Use Agreement for Technology and related Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6163.4.

Conditions of use for the District's network shall be permitted as long as the user's actions:

- Comply with the responsibilities specified in the District's Responsible Use Agreement (RUA)
- Impose no tangible costs to the District
- Do not unduly burden the District's computers or network resources
- Have no adverse effect on a student's academic performance
- Do not cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment
- Are following the policies put forth in this document

### II. WIRELESS INFORMATION

In accordance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all students who bring their own technology device(s) onto campus must use the PSD filtered wireless network (STUDENT Wi-Fi network) and agree to comply with the terms of the PSD BYOD Responsible Use Agreement (RUA). The district does not provide private data plans or other forms of connectivity to the Internet.

#### 4G/5G/LTE NETWORK ACCESS IS PROHIBITED

The District cannot filter or monitor devices that access personal Wi-Fi provided by private carriers. Therefore, in legal compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), students who bring 4G/5G/LTE-enabled devices must access the Internet via the District's filtered Wi-Fi connection.

## III. ACCEPTABLE DEVICES

Tablets, including iPads, Android tablets (Samsung Galaxy, Asus Transformer, etc.), and eReaders (Kindles, Nooks, etc.) are permitted. Laptops and Chromebooks are also permitted. Smartphones are also allowed on campus for instructional use and/or emergency contact.

## IV. LIMITATIONS OF DISTRICT FILTERS

Although the District uses a software filter to block known inappropriate websites and prohibit access to harmful materials accessed from a District network, filtering technology is not perfect and may interfere with legitimate educational purposes and allow some objectionable material to be viewed.

## V. PRIVACY

The use of the District's technology resources (Wi-Fi) is not private; students should not expect that files stored on or transmitted via the District's resources will be confidential. All digital transmissions and storage are subject to inspection and/or monitoring by District employees and other officials. Digital files and storage created using district accounts, technology, and/or Internet are the property of the District.

## VI. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Students must adhere to Copyright ©, Trademark <sup>TM</sup> and/or Registered ® laws at all times. Students agree not to send, access, submit, publish, display or print over the Internet or the District's network or use any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented content using the District's technology



resources threatening, offensive, or illegal material. Cyberbullying is expressly prohibited. Students shall not use District technology resources to conduct for-profit business activities, engage in religious activities, or engage in political lobbying, advertising, promotion of commercial purposes, or similar objectives, including purchasing any items or services.

#### VII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Palmdale School District shall not be responsible for any damages suffered by the student, including those arising from service interruptions, unauthorized use, loss of data, or exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material. Palmdale School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. The District assumes no liability for personal technology, including computers, smartphones, network access devices, or other electronic devices if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. The student and their parent/guardian shall indemnify and hold the District harmless from any losses sustained due to the student's use or misuse of the District's technology resources and/or the loss or damage of personal technology.

#### VIII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- A. Participation in this program is optional. Non-participation will not affect a student's grades or general education. The District currently provides 1:1 technology access during school hours to all students enrolled in the District.
- B. The District is not responsible for purchasing personal data plans and/or personal devices.
- C. The student/parent is responsible for all maintenance and repair, replacement or modifications, and software updates necessary to effectively use the device at school.
- D. The District reserves the right to inspect personal technology devices if there is reason to believe that it was used to violate policies or administrative procedures, or cause intentional harm to others or to the District. The student may be asked by a school or district administrator for any passwords, PINs, etc. for access to the contents on the device. As provided by SB 178, the student has the right to decline access to their device, except in an emergency where it is believed there is imminent danger of harm to the student and/or others, where the device will be confiscated and inspected without consent. If law enforcement becomes involved a warrant may be issued to inspect the device.
- E. The student may NOT use any devices to record, transmit or post photos, video, or audio of a person and/or instructional materials and assessments without written consent of all parties.
- F. Personal devices may not be used in restrooms, locker rooms, or any area that has an expectation of privacy.
- G. Each school has its own rules and policies regarding when personal devices may or may not be used on campus. Contact your child's school for written policies.

Parents/guardians that permit their child to use a personally owned technology on campus agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document.

Violations may result in the loss of privilege to use personal technology in school and/or disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and/or legal or criminal action, as warranted.