

BYOD @ HMS / FWA

Answering your questions about the Hortonville Area School District's new "Bring Your Own Device" initiative:

What is BYOD?

The Hortonville Area School District has adopted a **B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **D**evice (BYOD) policy for all schools in the district, including Hortonville Middle School and Fox West Academy. The rules for BYOD can be found specifically within the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) - #5136, which was last revised by the Board of Education in October of 2014. This policy will allow students of HMS and FWA to bring many of their own technology devices to school for use in our classrooms to support their learning.

It goes without saying that this is obviously something very different from when most parents were in school. We acknowledge that the world is changing at a fast pace, and our students need to be properly prepared to use these devices appropriately. As adults, many of us are using technology devices more and more to function at work. We would be doing an incredible disservice to our students if we continue to completely ban these devices at school. Of course, though, there are restrictions that parents and students alike should be aware of. This flyer has been developed with that in mind.



What kind of devices?

The HASD is "device neutral" – we do not endorse one brand over another. To be useful at school, devices need to be able to access our public WIFI network. At HMS and FWA, we have a growing supply of iPads; however, other tablets, smartphones, netbooks, and laptops will work fine.



Digital Citizenship Expectations @ HMS / FWA

At HMS and FWA, we will be working hard this year to teach our students what it means to be a good "digital citizen". The following "digital citizenship" expectations have been put into place for the coming school year. We would encourage you to have a conversation with your student about these expectations and ask questions if necessary.

- Student use of personal technology devices for educational purposes is not a right, but a privilege.
- All Internet access shall occur using the HASD public network unless approved by district administrators. Students, staff, and guests may not access the Internet by using personal cellular data plans. All Internet activity at school is logged, monitored, and filtered for student protection.
- Teachers may have their own guidelines for the use of technology devices within their classrooms. Although we allow the use of such, students should not expect that devices will be used in every classroom.
- The taking of pictures or video may be used with school staff permission only.
- Technology devices must be turned off at all times when using any restroom or locker room on or off campus.
- Technology devices may be used in the hallways and at lunch/recess as long as students are being appropriate and respectful. The use of devices to access social networking, to send text messages, or to make telephone calls will not be permitted during the school day.

Is my child required to have a device?

NO! No child will ever be left out of the instructional process if he or she does not have a technology device. While you may wish to supply your child with one, our classroom teachers have access to computers and iPads for students. In fact, our school is working to grow its inventory of iPads for student and staff use.

Who is liable?

It is the responsibility of the individual owner to keep his or her technology device secure. The District, or its employees, shall not be liable for any personal devices stolen or damaged on or off campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, students should make the office aware, and it will be handled in the same manner as other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations.

Search and Seizure

To the extent permitted by law, school administration or designee may confiscate and search personal technology devices while on District property if the administrator has reasonable suspicion that the use of the technology device is in violation of a law, Board policy, or school rule. In these cases, parents will be notified.



Digital Driver's License



Hortonville Middle School / Fox West Academy

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Students at HMS and FWA will need to earn a 'Digital Driver's License' this year to carry their devices with them, in addition to using school-owned technology. Within the first few weeks of the school year, all students will be taught expectations and will take a brief assessment to test their knowledge of these expectations.

Students will be expected to carry their licenses with them at all times if using a personal device somewhere on our campus. Students may be asked to show their licenses to any staff member at any time.

Students caught not following our BYOD expectations are subject to consequences (see below).

I can use all digital devices honestly, respectfully, and responsibly in all school environments and be a good digital citizen.

This Digital Driver's License applies to all digital devices at school, including cell phones, tablets, laptops, and computers at HMS and FWA.

1st Offense = Device Taken for Day by Staff / One Corner Removed

2nd Offense = Device Taken and Pick-Up in Office / Second Corner Removed

3rd Offense = Device Taken and Parent's Pick-Up / Third Corner Removed

4th Offense = Privilege Revoked / Fourth Corner Removed

If lost, a new card will be given by the office for 20 Bear Bucks and one corner will be removed.

Students **MUST** carry their license to carry their device at school and may be asked at any time to show it. Students can also be asked to show that they are using their devices according to our BYOD policy.

Students must have at least three corners left to participate in our Polar Bear Way 'Recognition' activity.