

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) / Mobile Learning Device (MLD) Policy

EDUCATIONAL RATIONALE:

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Education Leaders are the standards for evaluating the skills and knowledge school administrators and leaders need to support digital age learning, implement technology, and transform the education landscape. The ISTE Standards for Educators are the road map to helping students become empowered learners along with challenging educators to rethink traditional approaches. ISTE Standards for Students are designed to empower student voice and ensure that learning is a student-driven process. According to ISTE, “As technology integration continues to increase in our society, it is paramount that teachers possess the skills and behaviors of digital age professionals. Today's students need to be able to use technology to analyze, learn and explore. Digital age skills are vital for preparing students to work, live and contribute to the social and civic fabric of their communities.”

It is essential that we continue to advance our efforts in creating a district-wide digital age learning culture and the implementation of comprehensive technology integration to increase student achievement, promote excellence, and achieve Cyber Citizenship. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) continues to transform the classroom learning environment by creating new opportunities for learning. The advantages of implementing personal Mobile Learning Devices (MLDs) for educational purposes include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Interactive Learning*
- *Differentiated Instruction*
- *Learning Beyond Classroom Walls*
- *Increased Engagement*
- *Increases Student Authority Over Learning*
- *Personalized Instruction*
- *Easier Collaboration*
- *Social Development*
- *College and Career Readiness*
- *Empower Student Voice*

The implementation of BYOD/MLD along with 21st Century technology integration continues to transform the education landscape into an active, engaging, opportunistic, and customized digital age environment. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District is committed to creating a cutting-edge Digital Age learning environment.

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Students or staff members who wish to utilize their personal Mobile Learning Device (MLD) in school for educational purposes may do so subject to the following terms and conditions.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE:

Students and staff members may connect their personal MLD to the BMCHSD Wireless Network for school-related purposes and activities only, consistent with and subject to the district policies and regulations and this agreement.

All personal Mobile Learning Devices attached and/or connected to the school network are treated as school computers under the district's Acceptable Use Policy and are to be used solely for the purpose of enhancing the educational process with proper teacher supervision while so connected.

ACCEPTABLE DEVICES:

Mobile and Handheld Devices

Tablet technology and Smartphones are permitted for use on our network. This category includes but is not limited to iPads, Android tablets (Samsung Galaxy, Asus Transformer, etc.), eReaders (Kindles, Nooks, etc.), and Smartphones (Samsung Galaxy, iPhone, HTC One, etc.).

Computers

Laptops with either Windows or Apple operating systems are permitted on our network.

It is expected that these devices will have 1) current antivirus software, and 2) be fully charged and maintained to work properly during the school day.

3G/4G Network Access is Prohibited: Mobile Learning Devices such as Laptops, Tablets, and Smartphones, are often equipped with 3G/4G wireless accessibility, which the BMCHSD is unable to filter or monitor. Students who bring 3G/4G – enabled devices must access the Internet via the District's filtered Wireless Network connection only. Violators may have their devices confiscated and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES:

A student or staff person who brings their personal Mobile Learning Device to school is personally responsible for the equipment. Responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the MLD rests solely with the owner. Any damage to the MLD is the responsibility of the individual.

Any software residing on Personal Mobile Learning Devices that is utilized while connected to the BMCHSD Wireless Network must be personally owned or licensed and will not be supported or maintained by the district. The MLD should have up-to-date antivirus software installed to protect the individual device and its programs.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The District technology department will not service or repair any personal MLD not belonging to the district. No software that is deemed by the technology department to be for personal use will be supported under any circumstances. If such software interferes with district approved software or hardware, the technology department may prohibit access to the BMCHSD Wireless Network unless such software is removed from the personal Mobile Learning Device.

The student/staff person is responsible for the security of their personal MLD when it is not being used. BMCHSD does not guarantee the privacy or security of any material stored on or transmitted by any personal Mobile Learning Device.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE:

Personal Mobile Learning Devices can be connected to the district's wireless network, including access to the Internet, under the following conditions:

1. Use of personal MLDs must adhere to the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Acceptable Use Policy.
2. All MLD users are required to utilize the BMCHSD secured wireless network to access the Internet. Users must login to the wireless network using their district user ID and password.
3. Virtual Private Networks – Students and staff are prohibited from using virtual private networks, proxies, and/or other methods used to circumvent the district network security measures.
4. Students may NOT use any Mobile Learning Devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person without the individual's knowledge and consent. Images, video, and audio files recorded at school may not be transmitted or posted at any time, without the expressed permission of a district faculty member directly involved in the creation of said images, video, and/or audio file.
5. MLD use during class is governed by the teaching and administrative staff. Student users understand that the classroom teacher has the authority to determine when use of personal mobile learning devices is or is not appropriate.
6. Students must comply with the teachers' request to refrain from using a MLD or to turn off the device.
7. Student and staff members are responsible for the proper care of personal MLDs, including all maintenance and repair, replacement or modifications, and software updates necessary to effectively use the device.
8. Students will not be provided the ability to charge devices, as electrical cables will create a safety hazard. Please make sure any MLD is charged before bringing it to the school.
9. District personnel are not responsible for the security or condition of students' personal MLDs.
10. Violation of Acceptable Use Policy while using a personal MLD on the district's wired or wireless network may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the district's Code of Conduct.
11. Users must submit a completed and signed Student/Staff Use of Personal MLD Agreement.
12. The use of private 3G/4G wireless connections is prohibited.

Please sign the acknowledgment on the following page and return it to your school building.

Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) / Mobile Learning Device (MLD) Agreement

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SIGNATURE:

I have read and consent to the Student/Staff Use of BYOD/MLD Agreement.

I understand that my network access rights may be removed by the school principal or designee if I violate any of the terms and conditions set forth above.

Student/Staff/Owner Name - Please Print

Student/Staff/Owner Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name – Please Print

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date