



Responsible Use Guidelines- Trinity School of Texas

Purpose:

Trinity School of Texas uses instructional technology as one way of enhancing our mission to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase access to those 21st Century skills, TST will allow personal devices on our guest network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Technology Use Policy and the guidelines noted below regarding Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)

Trinity School of Texas strives to provide appropriate and adequate technology to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is optional, and students who do not participate in B.Y.O.D. will not be penalized and alternate modes of participation will be available.

An important component of B.Y.O.D will be education about appropriate online behaviors. We will review cyber-safety rules with students frequently throughout the course of the school year and will offer reminders and reinforcement about safe online behaviors. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices. The use of technology is not a necessity but a privilege. When abused, privileges will be taken away.

Device Types:

For the purpose of this program, the word “devices” will include: laptops, netbooks, cell phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, and eReaders. Please note that Nintendo DS (and/or other gaming devices with internet access) is not permissible at this time.

Guidelines:

- Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the policies stated in the Student Handbook, particularly the Student Code of Conduct, and the Technology Use Policy.
- Access is password protected. The login details are unique to each student. Passwords should be kept confidential and not shared with anyone else.
- Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects.
- Approved devices must be in silent mode while on school campus, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Headphones may be used with teacher permission.
- Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments, quizzes, or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text messaging).
- Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons on campus during school hours or during school activities, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices may only be used to access computer files on internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.

Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that:

- The school’s network filters will be applied to a device’s connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
- Students are prohibited from:
 - Bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
 - Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking.” altering or bypassing network security policies.
- Trinity School of Texas is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Students and parents should be aware that devices are subject to search by school administrators if the device is suspected of a violation of the student code of conduct. If the device is locked or password protected the student will be required to unlock the device at the request of a school administrator.
- Printing from personal devices will be allowed with teacher permission and supervision.
- Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school. Charging of devices will not be permitted at Trinity School of Texas at this time.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Devices:

Each user is responsible for his/her device and should use it responsibly and appropriately. Trinity School of Texas takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data on those devices. While school employees will help students identify how to keep personal devices secure, students will have the final responsibility for securing their personal devices. Please check with your homeowner’s policy regarding coverage of personal electronic devices, as many insurance policies can cover loss or damage.

Usage Charges:

Trinity School of Texas is not responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

Network Considerations:

Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All users will use the “TST Student” wireless network to access the internet. TST does not guarantee connectivity or the quality of the connection with personal devices. Trinity School of Texas Technology department is not responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student technology devices.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action. During the course of the school year, additional rules regarding the use of personal devices may be added.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date