Alief ISD Pilot: Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.) Policy

In an effort to expand our students' 21st Century learning opportunities, Alief ISD is implementing a Bring Your Own Device pilot at several campuses in specific classrooms. Alief ISD will provide students with access to a filtered, Wi-Fi network following federal CIPA guidelines. This pilot will allow students to voluntarily bring their own personal device to school to be used for educational purposes. **It is not a necessity for students**; it is a privilege. It is important that these devices be used appropriately. With that in mind, we have developed this policy to govern the use of personally owned devices in our schools.

Educational Purpose of B.Y.O.D.

B.Y.O.D. will allow students to voluntarily bring their own personal device to be used for instructional purposes only under the supervision and direction of the teacher.

Definition of "Device"

For purposes of B.Y.O.D., "device "means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held device that includes phones, smartphones, laptops, netbooks, tablets, ereaders with internet access etc. that can be used for texting, word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Personal Device Responsibility Guidelines for Students:

- Students may use a personal device to the extent authorized by a classroom teacher or administrator for instructional purposes only in accordance with Alief ISD AUP/RUP policy, the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct ECED and Utilization of Technology policies.
- Students will assume responsibility for any technical issues related to their personal device.
- Students take full responsibility for their device. Alief is not responsible for the security of any personal device.
- Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- Students must power off and put away personal device if directed to do so by a teacher or school administrator.
- Device must be in silent mode except when being actively used in the classroom for instruction.
- Students can only access files on their device or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum or suggested by a teacher.
- Students understand printing from a personal device will not be permitted at school.
- Students must ensure that their personal device does not disrupt the learning of others, endanger the health or safety of anyone, invade the rights of others at school or be involved in illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.
- Students may use their personal device in supervised public areas, such as in the library learning commons or cafeteria, under a staff member's supervision.
- Students will not use a personal device to take pictures or video at any time during the school day or on school grounds, unless authorized by the classroom teacher for instructional purposes only.
- Students are not permitted to transmit or post photographic images/videos of any person on campus on public and/or social networking sites.
- Students understand that using a personal device on school property to infect the network with a virus or access unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.
- Students understand that Alief has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus.

District Responsibilities:

- Alief will provide a guest Wi-Fi network with filtered Internet access just as they do for district-owned devices.
- Alief will provide a comparable District-owned device during school where appropriate, to augment a student owned device.
- Alief may provide access to Google apps, email and other Third Party Accounts in the form of Learning Management Systems for students to use both at school and home with their parents' permission. These accounts will help our students develop communication and collaboration skills in accordance with the Texas Technology Applications Standards.

Disclaimers

Please note that since the Internet provides access to computers and people all over the world, that even using a filtered network, following federal CIPA guidelines, there is a possibility that students may encounter areas of adult content and objectionable material. While the district will take reasonable steps through training to preclude access to such material, and does not encourage such access, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access.

- Alief ISD makes no guarantee of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the provided access.
- The staff, faculty, school, and Alief ISD are not responsible for any damages incurred, including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays or interruption of service, for the loss of data stored on Alief ISD resources.
- The staff, faculty, school and Alief ISD are not responsible for information obtained through district network resources nor personal data plans, resulting in criminal or terrorist activities.
- Alief is not responsible for troubleshooting or installing applications onto a personal device.
- Alief ISD is not responsible or liable for the security, loss or damage to a personal device. If a device is damaged or stolen, it will be handled in the same manner as all other personal items.
- Alief ISD is not responsible for any personal device charges to a personal data plan that might be incurred during approved school-related instructional use.