

Dear Parents,

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, Alief ISD has decided to implement a *pilot program* for **Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)** at your student's school. In this pilot, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to engage in learning in new ways. The document below is a contract which we will adhere to as we establish this program within our schools. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school's equipment. No student will be left out of instructional activities. This **pilot's sole purpose** is to explore allowing students to use their own personal devices in new instructional ways.

#### **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 BYOD, "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.

Please read the policy below and sign the B.Y.O.D. agreement between parents, students and the classroom teacher. **No student will be permitted to use personal technology devices unless the agreement is signed and returned.**

#### **Disclaimers**

Please note that since the Internet provides access to computers and people all over the world, that even using Alief ISD's filtered network, which follows 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 and filtering 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 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 personal technology. 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 possible device charges to a personal data plan that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

## B.Y.O.D Student Parent Agreement

Students and parents participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the **Student Code of Conduct (ECED)**, as well as all Board policies, particularly the **Acceptable Use Policy** and the **Responsible Use Guidelines (CQ Exhibit)**.

**Please carefully read every statement:**

### **Personal Technology Responsibility Guidelines for Students:**

- Students may use a personal device as directed by an authorized classroom teacher or administrator for instructional purposes only in accordance with **Alief ISD AUP/RUP policy** and **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.

**I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of my technology 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.**

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Name of Student

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Signature of Student

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Student ID #

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Date

**I give my child permission to use his/her internet capable device for instruction in school.**  YES  NO

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date