

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in JCPS

Knowledge is power. That statement is often heard and widely believed. Eight Jefferson County Public Schools high schools are embracing an additional avenue for students to gain that power. The schools petitioned the JCPS Board of Education and have been granted waivers to a long existing ban on use of cell phones in school. For many students this will be an exciting journey! In today's tech rich culture information is easily accessible. Mobile devices like cellphones, smart phones, tablets, e-readers and internet capable music players make accessing facts, figures, conversions, simulations (essentially all types of information) practically instantaneous. The staff members of the eight schools embarking on the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) adventure have realized the devices students have in their pockets can be a potent resource for learning and decided to mine that resource.

The **Computer Education Support** department of JCPS is offering professional development showcasing guiding principles to managing BYOD in classrooms. Veteran BYOD teachers and leading researchers tout these principles as the building blocks for a successful program that enhances learning and instruction. The principles are:

- **Communicate** - signs, statements and procedures to ensure all parties know what the expectations of the project are and all are held accountable for these expectations
- **Document** - expectations for bringing, using and maintaining a personal device in an educational setting; which devices can be used, and how connection to network resources will be acquired; responsible use and consequences for misuse of equipment; students must agree to and sign the JCPS Acceptable Use Policy
- **Monitor** - Teachers must ensure they can see what students are doing on their devices, perhaps requiring devices be kept flat or only slightly elevated.



Schools Involved

Ballard High School
duPont Manual High School
Fairdale High School
Iroquois High School
Seneca High School
Southern High School
Valley High School
Waggener High School

Use of devices in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher!



Students must have their cell phones and other electronic devices put completely away



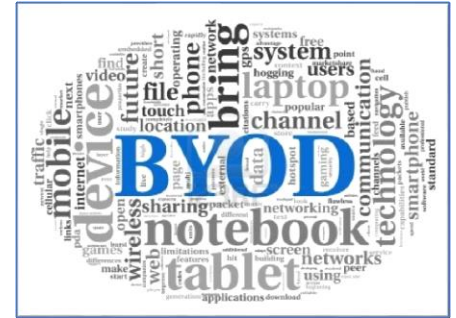
Students may use their cell phones and other electronic devices for specific activities identified by the teacher



Students may use their cell phones and other electronic devices for research or other class activities

Parting Words

This initiative is a fluid, evolving project and because it is new to teachers and students they must be willing to accept and adapt technology usage as a tool in the classroom. Each of the schools involved in this initiative are blazing the trail of innovative classroom practice for all JCPS schools and should be applauded for their willingness to lead the students of the Louisville community into the future of education.



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