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In accordance with Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Rhode Island Public Law and WPS Policy No.2300 Responsible Use and Internet Safety Policy

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students at Westerly Public Schools may bring their own technology devices to campus in accordance with elementary, middle school and high student handbooks respectively.

Definition of “Technology Device”

For purposes of BYOD, “Technology Device” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, “smartphones”, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. It is expected that devices not yet invented or in production will fall under this protocol.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / so called “hot spots” are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time. Access to all school network services may not be possible from all devices. Student home directories allow downloading files but not always uploading files. Upload limits may apply. Internet accessibility will be filtered in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. Westerly Public Schools makes every attempt to comply with CIPA and to provide access to educationally appropriate sites. All stakeholders should recognize filtering does not and should not replace adult supervision.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure and configured rests with the individual owner. Westerly Public School System, nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or is suspected as the source of an attack or virus infection. The school's network

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filters may be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them. Bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is a violation of the Responsible Use Policy. Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking," altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the RUP.

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BYOD Westerly Public Schools Staff/Student Agreement

Students and staff are encouraged to use their technology responsibly and in a manner which enhances teaching and learning. Privileges may be taken away if necessary. However when used responsibly, BYOD benefits the learning environment as a whole. Staff as well as students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must agree that users will adhere to the Student Code of Conduct; or Staff procedures set forth WPS, respectively. Also, adhere to Westerly School Committee policies, particularly the Responsible Use Policy (RUP), and expectations set forth in Westerly Public Schools student handbooks. Additionally, for BYOD technology use:

- All Staff, or Parents and students must agree that they have read and understand the policy.
- Technology Devices must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- Technology Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
- Technology Devices may not be used without the permission of the classroom teacher. This includes but is not limited to recording, transmitting or posting of either audio or photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.
- Technology Devices may only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Only games educationally approved are allowed.
- Printing from personal devices may not be possible at school.
- Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.

Students/ Staff acknowledge that:

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation deemed unethical may result in the loss of my network and/or BYOD privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

As a parent/guardian, I understand that I am to contact the school office to communicate with my child during the school day.

Staff Signature/ Printed Name:

Date:

Student Signature/Printed Name:

Date:

Parent Signature/ Printed Name:

Date:

Please list the Technology devices to be used in the BYOD initiative below:

Serial Number:

Product: