

BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

BYOD Pilot

Starting April 15, 2013, Colonial School District will begin piloting BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in select classrooms throughout the district. This is an initiative that the whole district will eventually adopt.

Instead of banning student devices, Colonial is choosing to capitalize on the availability of technology in the students' hands as educational tools. Students will be allowed to bring their own iPad, Kindle Fire, iPod, laptop, or Smart phone that is listed on the approved devices list to enhance the educational learning environment.

In developing our plan to teach 21st century skills, we have set goals and objectives that will focus around the enhancement of student learning and aligning our technology policies and instructional policies into one.

Establishing this new environment for such learning takes careful planning and consideration. We hope the information in this brochure provides you with useful information, advice, and best practices. This brochure is not meant to be "all inclusive" and will remain a work in progress as the use of personal devices evolves.

The use and availability of these devices along with district identified applications will enable our students to become technology literate along with gaining the knowledge and skills needed to work in a 21st century environment.

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What is BYOD?

"Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) is simply a program where staff and students can bring their own personal computing devices to school and connect them to the school's wireless network to access the internet.

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally owned devices in their pockets that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace.

With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction in every subject, which maximizes their opportunity for success in school and beyond.

A decade ago this was just a dream. Today, it can be a reality.

Online collaboration, access to resources, and effective use of the internet are increasingly becoming essential skills that students need to meet the challenges of today's classroom and tomorrow's work place.

Mobile devices give students opportunities to choose when, how, and where they want to learn. They can assume the responsibility for directing their learning while guided by the classroom teacher.

What is a BYO Device?

Student can bring the following devices for use in the classroom:

- laptop computers
- netbook computers
- tablets
- eReaders
- iPod Touch / Android Devices
- cell phones

- Visit our website for more information

<http://www.colonial.k12.de.us/BYOD>

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The benefits of BYOD?

1. Technology can help change the way instruction takes place.
2. Students have access to their technology, no matter where they are.
3. Reduced learning curve since students are familiar with their technology.
4. Provides guidance and mentorship for responsible use of technology.

Why Change?

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Education introduced the National Education Technology Plan.

The plan calls for "applying advanced technologies used in our daily personal and professional lives to our entire education system to improve student learning, accelerate and scale up the adoption of effective practices and use data and information for continuous improvement."

Guidelines

In order to bring a device to school, the below items must be completed:

- Parent/Student Usage Agreement must be signed and filed with the school.
- Personally owned devices will be used for only educational purposes as determined by teacher.
- Students will be held accountable for following the Acceptable Use Policy from the district.
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FAQ Overview

For Students:

I don't have my own electronic communication device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?

No, it is not mandatory for students to bring a device. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly when student have access to devices.

I am bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will I have access to things they normally do with district equipment?

Yes, BYOD will start out by supplementing the school district's ongoing and current technologies.

I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet?

The school district's wireless network will be open for BYO Devices to connect to the internet. Students connecting to the school's wireless network must

have completed and signed a Parent/Student Usage Agreement and AUP.

Are student and teachers still bound to district technology policies and guidelines if they bring devices in to use at school?

Yes. The same policies and guidelines apply to personal computing devices as to district-purchased computers and devices.

What software will need to be purchased for BYOD?

No software needs to be purchased. The district has moved to web-based applications that students can access from their devices.

For Parents:

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices are owned by and remain property of the student/family.

Who is responsible for repairs or updating to personal computing devices?

Students and/or their families are responsible for their personal computing devices at all times. Colonial School District does not have the technology support staff to repair or update personal computing devices.

Who is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of devices your child brings to school?

Families must stress the responsibilities their children have when bringing their own computing devices to school. And devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility.

Will the family need to have Internet access at home?

No, however, it would be helpful, to have some form of Internet access (wired or wireless) in order for a student to make full use of school resources from home, as well the multitude of resources available on the World Wide Web. But, it is not required in order for a student to use a personal computing device at school.

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in _____ classroom,

The Colonial School District is embarking on a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** pilot program and your child's class has been selected for this project! We are in the process of preparing for its successful implementation and to help us prepare we would like to ask you a few questions about the accessibility of technology for your child. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to your child's teacher by ~~April 15, 2013~~ **Sept. 3**. Attached you will find a brochure detailing BYOD and the positive impact it can have on learning and ensuring 'Every Child College and Career Ready!' ~~Our kickoff date for the project is April 15, 2013.~~

Included in this packet is a BYOD Parent/Student Agreement letter. Please return the agreement letter by April 15, 2013. If you have any questions about the BYOD initiative or technology in the Colonial School District, contact your child's teacher or visit our website www.colonial.k12.de.us/BYOD.

Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative!

Please return to your child's teacher by: ~~April 15, 2013~~ **Sept. 3**

School-_____

Child's Name-_____ Gr. _____-Teacher-_____

Does your child have access to the internet in your house? _____-Yes _____-No

Does your child have access to a computer or internet compatible device every night?
_____ -Yes _____ -No If not, how often?

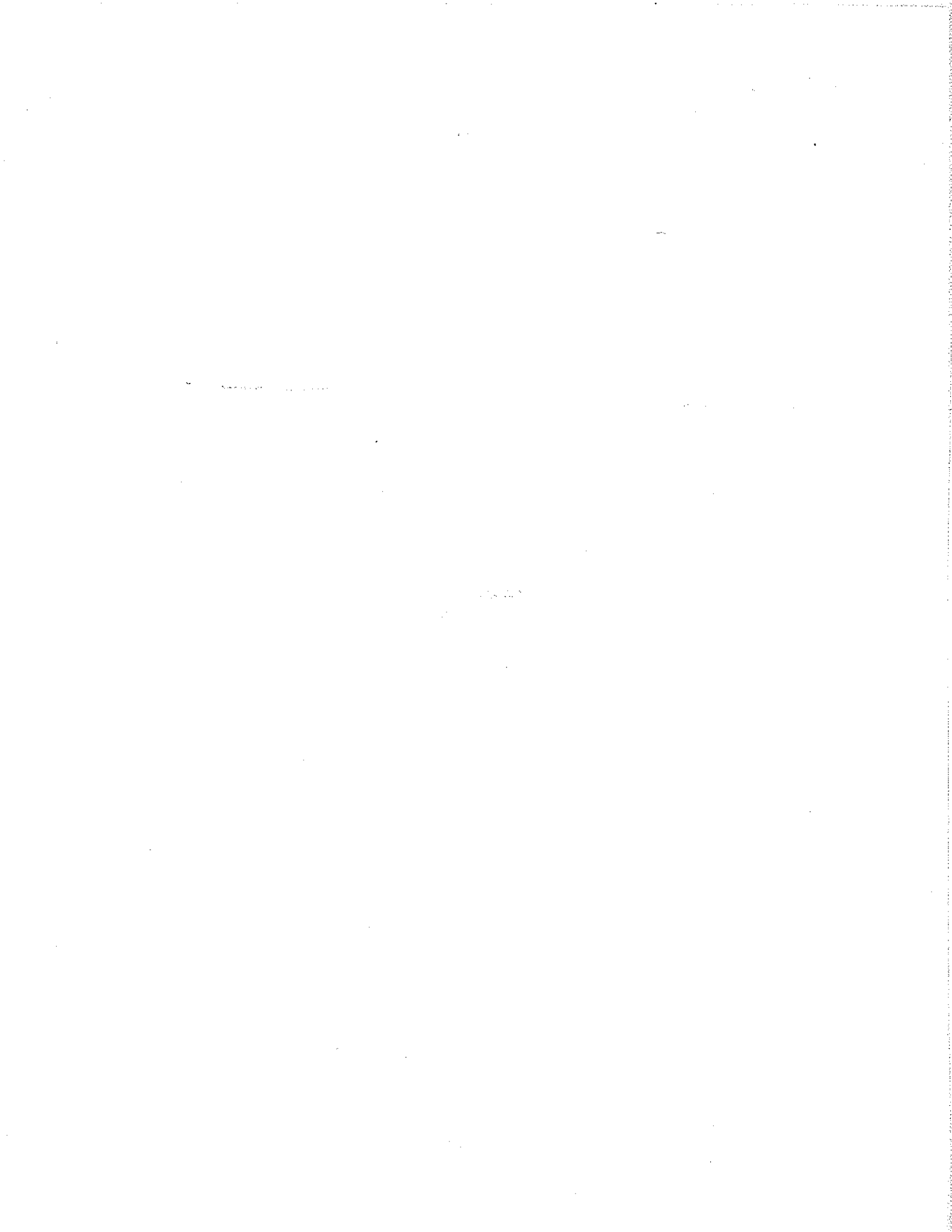
If yes, does your child have his or her own device at home that would meet the requirements of the attached brochure?

Would you be willing to send your child's device (laptop, electronic tablet, iPhone/iPod touch, etc...) to school for your child to use in the classroom? _____ -Yes _____ -No

Would you be interested in purchasing an internet compatible device for your child at a reduced rate to be used at home and school? _____ -Yes _____ -No

- Details about participating vendors such as Dell, Apple, and Tiger Direct can be found at www.colonial.k12.de.us/BYOD.

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Colonial School District Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Student/Parent Agreement

The Colonial School District will be implementing a BYOD pilot program in select classrooms, beginning April 15, 2013. Your child is a student in one of these pilot classrooms.

Bring Your Own Device or BYOD allows for students to bring their own personal, district-approved technology into the school building for educational use. Students are expected to follow all guidelines and are fully responsible for taking care of their device throughout the day.

For the purposes of this pilot, the following devices are permitted:

- Smartphones (such as iPhones, Android phones, and Windows phones) and iPod Touches
- Tablet devices (such as iPads, Android tablets, and Kindle tablets)
- Laptops and Netbooks

Students must agree and adhere to the following:

- Throughout the pilot period students may only use their devices in the designated pilot classrooms. These pilot teachers have been given special training to help with this initiative.
- The purpose of Bring Your Own Device is for education. Students can only use their devices when the classroom teacher or school administration permits. It is the school's decision whether or not to allow students to use devices outside of class (for example, in the Library, Cafeteria, Hallways, etc.).
- Students must use the district protected Wi-Fi and not their own 3G or 4G connection.
- The student's device must be fully charged upon arrival because the school lacks adequate charging capabilities at this time.
- Each student must know how to connect their device to a public wireless network. The Colonial BYOD Pilot network will be available to them each day. It is a secure, protected network. While pilot teachers and staff will have general guidelines for connecting to the wireless network, they will not have detailed instructions for every device.
- Students must adhere to the district Acceptable Use Policy. Any violation of the policy can result in loss of student technology privileges and other disciplinary actions.

- It is the responsibility of the student to record and retain the serial number of their devices in the event it becomes lost or stolen. It is also recommended that students mark the device so it can be easily identified.
- The Colonial School District is not responsible for any technical issues that may arise while using personal devices in school. While pilot teachers and staff will be able to advise students on how to resolve technical issues, district staff will not perform repairs or maintenance on student devices.
- The Colonial School District is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

If a student violates the Acceptable Use Policy or any of the above policies:

- First offense: Device will be taken to office and parents must pick it up.
- Second offense: Device will be taken to the office for parent pick up and the student will lose their BYOD privileges for two weeks. In addition, the student may be subject to further disciplinary action as indicated by the Student Code of Conduct.
- Third offense: Device will be taken to the office for parent pick up and the student will lose their BYOD privileges. In addition, the student may be subject to further disciplinary action as indicated by the Student Code of Conduct.

I agree to have my child participate in the BYOD pilot program.

I agree but my child does not have a device at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

I do not wish for my child to participate at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____