



## ***Bring Your Own Technology***

### **Procedures for the Use of Personal Technology on Campus**

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 may now bring their own technology to school.

#### **Definition of "Technology"**

For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, laptops, netbooks, smart phones, tablet computing devices, hand held entertainment systems or other 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.

#### **Internet**

Only the wireless network and Internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal Internet connectivity devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones or "mi-fi" cellular network devices are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources at any time.

#### **Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Douglas County School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged while on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are affected in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches be used to physically identify your device from others. Protective cases for technology are encouraged.

#### **Availability of Technology**

Teachers will not require that all students have a computing device. The district will continue to provide district owned devices that can be used by students during class time. Participation in BYOT is optional, and no student will be required to bring a device. Students without either computer or Internet access at home may gain access during the school day or at the public library.