



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Frequently Asked Questions

What is BYOD?

Students are encouraged to use their personal wifi enabled devices like phones, tablets or laptops during class as part of the teacher's instruction. Applications most commonly utilized in class work across multiple platforms and devices. Students will not be required to purchase apps for their device.

Is there a certain device that my child should bring to school?

Any phone, tablet or laptop that will connect to a wifi network will work great. The device does not need to connect to a cellular data plan and the district wifi is free for students. Gaming devices will not support education applications.

What if my child does not have a device or forgets his/her device one day?

The district will have devices for students to borrow so they don't miss out on instruction and collaboration opportunities.

How does Red Oak ISD know that BYOD is academically helpful for students?

Students have been allowed to use their own devices at ROHS for a number of years. It is our philosophy that technology is a conduit for instruction and a great resource for today's student. Last year, technology pilots at multiple campuses across the district encouraged BYOD. Student performance and engagement increased in the pilot classrooms furthering our support of BYOD.

Is the Internet connection safe for my child?

When students connect to the district wifi, a strict firewall system is in place to protect students from visiting prohibited websites. Student usage is monitored regularly and acceptable use policies are enforced. The Red Oak ISD Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct are available in the "Online Resources" section at www.redoakisd.org/parents. Student internet usage has been accessible for all ROISD students in computer labs for a number of years. BYOD simply allows students to access the internet in the classroom, without having to wait until a computer lab or laptop cart is available.

What measures can we take to make sure that my child's device is safe?

We encourage you to clearly label any personal device. Some devices allow for "Find My Phone" capabilities which you can use if you wish to help you monitor the whereabouts of the item. Students will be responsible for their devices as with any other personal property brought to school.