

Mallard Creek High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

The primary function of this BYOD policy is to support the educational program at Mallard Creek High School. The wireless access provided to student devices is designed to enhance the students' educational experience and increase authentic student engagement to academic activities. *The use of Personal Technology Devices (PTD) at Mallard Creek High School is a privilege, not a right.*

Mallard Creek students are **not required** to bring their own technology. Permission to bring and use PTDs is contingent upon adherence to this BYOD Policy, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Student Internet Use Policy (IJNBD) and the CMS Code of Student Conduct.

Personal Technology Device (PTD)¹

A PTD is a portable internet-accessing device designed to share information, record sounds, process words, and/or capture images.

- **Acceptable devices include:** laptops, netbooks, tablets (i.e. iPad, Google Nexus, etc.), e-readers (i.e. Kindle, Nook), smartphones (i.e. iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, etc.), and audio/mp3 players with internet connectivity (i.e. iPod touch)
- **Unacceptable devices include, but are not limited to:** gaming devices [i.e. Nintendo DS, handheld PlayStation (PSP), etc.], radios, pagers, laser pointers, audio/mp3 players without internet connectivity (i.e. iPod Shuffle) and other similar devices that do not serve an educational purpose.

Loss, Theft, or Damage of Privately Owned Technology²

Portable electronic devices are vulnerable to loss, theft, or damage. MCHS highly encourages students and parents to engrave or permanently mark their devices with owner information. MCHS also recommends that devices are locked using the device's security features, such as a passcode. Students and parents must assume total responsibility for any privately owned technology they bring on campus. If a privately owned device is stolen, the victim must immediately report the incident to a school administrator and/or our school resource officer. **Neither Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools nor Mallard Creek High School will accept the responsibility for any loss or stolen privately owned electronic device. MCHS faculty and staff are not obligated to investigate incidents of lost, stolen or damaged devices.** MCHS faculty and staff will not attempt to repair, correct, troubleshoot, or be responsible for malfunctioning devices.

The Role of MCHS Faculty and Staff with BYOD

- **Teachers are solely in charge of students' use of technology within their classrooms.** Student use of any technology within a 90-minute class or a school-sanctioned activity is governed by the teacher, coach, or staff member in charge.
- Administration, faculty, and staff at MCHS may direct **at any time** that students turn off, put away and/or silence their PTD. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action and possible revocation of BYOD privileges.
- MCHS administrators reserve the right to search the contents of a PTD in accordance with the applicable laws and policies if there is *reasonable suspicion* that the student has violated the MCHS BYOD Policy, the CMS Code of Student Conduct.

¹ CMS School Board Policy, Code: IJNDB, Sec. II

² CMS School Board Policy, Code: IJNDB, Sec VIII

Student Rules for BYOD

Students are **ALLOWED** to:

- Use their PTD inside the school building before the 7:15 bell and after the 2:15 bell.
- Use their PTD during class changes and during their assigned lunch period.
- Do the following on their PTD: text, access the internet, use school-appropriate applications/software, or work on an assignment.
- Use earbuds or headphones to listen to audio that cannot be heard by others.

Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to:

- Make or receive phone calls on their phones. PTD sounds must be on “silent mode.”
- Take pictures, videos, or audio recordings without the permission of the teacher, coach or staff member in charge.
- Cause a disturbance to others using their PTD.
- Charge their PTD at school. We recommend powering off the device or using “Airplane Mode” to conserve battery life.
- Engage in any malicious or irresponsible use of their PTD.
- Use any software, utilities, or other means, including personal data plans, to access internet sites or content that is blocked by CMS Internet filters³, does not serve an educational purpose,⁴ or is inappropriate on school property.⁵

Additional Notes

- Streaming content (audio, video) from the Internet using the Guest WiFi network to a PTD is discouraged due to the bandwidth congestion it may cause. Be considerate of others.
- Devices should not be hard-wired to the CMS network or computers.

Consequences

Violation of district and/or school policies, local, state and/or federal laws while using a privately owned electronic device on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools’ wireless network, or on school grounds, will result in appropriate consequences. In accordance with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools’ Policy, legal action may also be pursued when appropriate.

School-level consequences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Confiscation of PTD (only to be picked up by parent/guardian)
- In-School Suspension
- After School Detention/Lunch Detention
- Temporary loss of technology privileges
- Permanent loss of technology privileges
- Out-of-School Suspension

Student use of Personal Technology Devices is a PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT⁶. Mallard Creek High School is not responsible for, nor obligated to investigate incidents of, loss, theft, or damage to a Personal Technology Device.⁷

³ CMS Student Code of Conduct, Rule 21, 2014-15

⁴ CMS Student Code of Conduct, Rule 5, 2014-15

⁵ CMS Student Code of Conduct, Rule 22, 2014-15

⁶ CMS Student Code of Conduct, Rule 5, 2014-15

⁷ CMS School Board Policy, Code: IJNDB, Sec. VIII