



Garfield Heights High School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Parent & Student Information

BYOD Philosophy

We know our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. All members of our learning community hold the responsibility to value technology and achieve technological proficiency to prepare our students for future jobs, which currently may not exist. Providing students with an environment that fosters and encourages the use of technology tools while building awareness of safety concerns in a supportive environment is part of our core values.

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, thereby, maximizing their opportunity for success in school and beyond.

What is BYOD?

For the purposes of BYOD, "Device" means a personally owned, internet enabled, portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod Touches, and smart phones. With classroom teacher and parent approval, students may use their own devices in the classroom for educational purposes to access and save information and use the productivity tools that may be currently loaded on the device.

Users will be prompted to accept the terms of use prior to each attempt at connecting to the Garfield Heights City

School BYOD wireless network. If the student has returned a signed agreement form, they will be permitted to use their network account to access the BYOD wireless network.

Students who do not accept the terms of service, will not be able to access the Garfield Heights City School District BYOD Network. The terms of service will post each time a user attempts to use this network. Once on the BYOD network, all users will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.

Frequently Asked Questions - Parents

What if my child's device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?

Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The district will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen or misplaced. Some devices have a device locator; it is recommended that you enable this feature if possible.

Is it required that my child use the district's wireless? Can they use their own wireless service provided through a personal cell phone or data plan?

Students with a personally owned device need to use the Garfield Heights BYOD Wireless network.

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

Your child will have access to any of the web-based software the district currently uses (databases, library search tools, etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

As a parent am I required to add additional software (virus protection, filter, tracking device, etc.) to my child's device?

Virus protection for PC's is strongly recommended. Device location

software is not required but is always a good idea.

I have read the guidelines and policies and I do not wish to have my child accessing the Internet using his/her own device. I would like to allow him/her to continue using her device for productivity, but not the Internet. Is this allowable?

Yes, your child may choose not to accept the terms of use, however, the rules outlined in the AUP still apply for technology use of any kind (Internet or other). Also, it is not the responsibility of campus staff to ensure that your child has not accessed the Web on his/her own technology device. Damage or theft is still the responsibility of the owner.

Frequently Asked Questions - 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, even if they do own one. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided appropriate alternatives for instruction and assignment completion. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device!

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

Most devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time devices will ask you if you would like to join the network. When prompted, choose GHCS-WIRELESS from the list.

My device is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?

In the settings menu of your device, there is usually an option for a wireless network. Go to this option and chose GHCS-WIRELESS from the list or prompt your device to look for wireless networks in range.

Am I still held accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) even though this is my personal device?

Yes, students using a personally owned device are still accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy. Acceptance of this policy will take place every time the students access the BYOD Network.

I brought my device to school to use in the classroom, but my teacher said I couldn't use it in the classroom. Can I still use it?

The teacher in the classroom has the final say on procedures in the classroom. If he or she asks you not to use your device, then you should follow those directions. Access is available but not guaranteed for each classroom situation.

I can't get my device to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?

It is not the responsibility of your teachers or other Garfield Heights staff to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Check your owner's manual for issues concerning connectivity.

I need to save my work in my network folder. Why can't I access this resource?

You are on the BYOD network. It is not the same as the network you would normally access from a school computer. You will not see your network folder, so you will need to save your work in another place. Some options include a flash drive and your own hard drive.

Why am I filtered on my own device? Shouldn't I be able to see what I want to on my own device?

Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you're using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

I am uncertain on specific policy regarding times and locations my personal device can be used during the school day. Exactly when am I allowed?

Appropriate Use	
Before/After School	Yes
In class when my teacher designates use for learning	Yes
During passing periods (in hallways)	No
During lunch	Yes

I need to print the assignment I just completed, why is there no printer when I try this?

Like the network folders, printers are networked differently in the school and will not be available when you log in to the wireless network. Some solutions include saving to a flash drive and printing from home or another school computer. Keep in mind that using school printers in the classroom or other learning spaces is at the discretion of the teacher or other school administrator.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?

Bringing your own devices to school can be useful, however some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft. The Garfield Heights School District is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense.