

Garfield Heights High School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Teacher Information

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.

Accessing BYOD

When a student brings his/her own technology device to the middle school or high school, it is mandatory that the device utilize the Brooklyn wireless BYOD network (GHCS-Wireless). A student will choose the "GHCS-Wireless" wireless ID. By using the GHCS-Wireless, wireless network,

they are accepting the terms of all applicable Board Policies, including the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. Once on the Garfield Heights wireless network, all users will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.

Frequently Asked Questions - Teachers

My classroom is not conducive to student owned technology, am I required to allow my students to access their technology tools in the classroom?

No. Although we encourage teachers to leverage the student owned technology tools in their classroom for learning, there is no requirement of teachers to allow this. You are in charge of the way your class functions and the rules that apply.

Some of my students cannot access the network on their laptops or phones. I don't have time in a class period to help them with this. Should I put in a help request or call the help desk?

No. Students who cannot access the Garfield Heights BYOD network or who may have technical issues with their technology tool need to take care of this issue by working with their user's manual that came with the device out of the classroom. These are not

Garfield Heights devices and the district is not allocating resources at this time to troubleshoot issues. You are welcome to help if you choose, but it is not a staff member's responsibility to ensure that student owned technology is functioning properly. However, you must provide students with appropriate alternatives for instruction and assignment completion.

I have students who are accessing the Internet using their provider's data plan (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon etc.) on their smart phones or laptops, hence bypassing the filter. Is this a violation of the student AUP?

This is not an AUP violation because the student is not bypassing the filter on the Garfield Heights network, but instead using a provider's data plan. However, by participating in the BYOD program, students agree to access the network through our wireless network only. Therefore, students are not abiding by the BYOD

guidelines.

One of my students was using his laptop to bully another student on campus. Should I contact the technology department concerning this problem?

No. Any disciplinary infractions that occur from using technology tools should be referred to a building administrator. This would be a student code of conduct issue.

Should I call central office if one of my student's laptops is damaged or stolen?

No. Any theft issues should be handled as you normally would in your building. Garfield Heights is not responsible for any damage or theft of student owned technology tools. It would be good to remind students to keep a record of the device's serial number just in case a theft occurs.