

BYDSA

Bring Your Device to School for Academics Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

DSA is committed to providing an excellent teaching and learning environment for our students and faculty. To expand technological access at our school, students are allowed to use their personal technology devices for academic tasks. We refer to this program as Bring Your Device to School for Academics (BYDSA). While this document provides a basic overview, parents and students are asked to thoroughly review the [Durham Public School BYDS program guidelines](#).

How Does BYDSA Work?

Students bringing their personal electronic devices to DSA must follow these guidelines:

- DSA students must complete a release form before using their personal device at school.
- Each teacher at DSA has the final say about use of devices in their classroom.
- Device usage is a privilege, not a right.

Network Access

Students will connect their device to the DPS wireless network (Workstation) using their DPS username and password. BYDSA devices will not have access to printers or secure servers.

Security

Students are responsible for protecting their devices. Stolen or damaged devices are the responsibility of the student and their parents or guardians. School administrators will address stolen or damaged devices in the same way we handle similar incidents with other personal items..

Consequences of Misuse

If students fail to comply with school guidelines, the following consequences will apply.

1. 1st Offense - confiscation until the end of the school day when the *student may retrieve it*
2. 2nd Offense – confiscation until the *end of the day*, when the *student's parent must retrieve it*.
3. 3rd Offense – item is held in the office until a parent comes to school for parent/student conference with a grade level assistant principal.

All technology use at DSA is governed by the School and District Policy.

Maintenance

DPS teachers and IT staff are not responsible for troubleshooting connectivity or operation of a personal device.

Educational Use

Personal Technology Devices will be used for Internet-based educational application and platforms. Most Internet enabled devices will be able to access these resources. Teachers will select apps and websites which support their instructional objectives. Common resources used by teachers in instructional delivery and assessment include Google Apps for Education, Google Classroom, Quizlet, Kahoot, Prezi, Schoology, Desmos, Edmodo, InstaGrok, Khan Academy, Wolfram Alpha, DuoLingo, and Plotly.

FAQ

Q: What type of device is best for BYDSA?

A: Laptops, chromebooks, netbooks, and tablets with wireless capability can all be useful in the classroom. The ideal device for any one task depends on the type of work being done, the proficiency of the student on the device, and how well the interface/display fit the task.

Q: My teacher said I couldn't use my device in their classroom. Can I still use it?

A: 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. Bringing your own device is a privilege and its use is not appropriate for all instructional situations.

Q: I need to print something, is this allowed?

A: Students are not allowed to print items from their personal device. However, the Library Media Center maintains a print folder in the Google Drive and students may get items printed at the circulation desk. Additionally, teachers may have print folders for their classrooms that allow the teacher to print student work

Q: Who is responsible if my personal device is lost or stolen?

A: Bringing your own technology device to school can be useful; however, some risks are involved as well. You should record the device's serial number in case of theft. Durham Public Schools is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are we responsible for any damage to the device. Theft or vandalism of any kind should be reported immediately to school administration so we can take the appropriate steps. Recovery from damage or theft is the responsibility of the owner.

Q: Does the Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP") I agreed to apply to my own personal device?

A: Yes. The DPS Technology Acceptable Use and Internet Policy (646) remains in effect even when you are using your own device. Violating the terms of the AUP would be a student code of conduct violation and would be dealt with on campus with a local school administrator.

Q: Will there be a penalty if I do not have my own device?

A: No. Devices are never required and therefore, a grade cannot be taken. When technology use is mandated, devices will be provided to anyone who needs them.

Q: Am I required to use the school network? May I use my own 3G, 4G or personal hotspot service?

A: Students are required to use the district filtered wireless. Using your own wireless provider during school is a breach of AUP and subject to disciplinary procedures set forth in the Code of Conduct

Q: My personal electronic device needs to be charged. May I charge the device during class?

A: Students are responsible for ensuring that their personal devices are fully charged before arriving at school. Students may or may not be able to charge devices during the school day.

Q: Can a DPS employee search my device?

A: Any searches of personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices will be conducted in accordance with law, and the device may be confiscated in order to perform a lawful search. A confiscated device may be turned over to law enforcement to determine whether a crime has been committed.