

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

# OCEE BYOT



**What does BYOT stand for?**

**Bring**

**Your**

**Own**

**Technology**

# Why BYOT?

**It:**

- **Supports personalized and continuous learning**
- **Provides unlimited learning potential outside of classroom walls.**
- **Ensures that students have a larger audience to appreciate their published work.**
- **Helps to develop students' digital age skills.**
- **Many students have personalized their devices with the apps they like to use and the shortcuts they need to access online resources.**
- **Students are comfortable with their own devices and know how they work.**

# Goals for BYOT

- Engage students
- Integrate technology
- Foster creativity
- Increase access to devices
- Apply technology skills
- Promote higher level thinking
- Support collaboration and differentiation in the classroom
- Facilitate personalized learning

# What Environment is Needed for BYOT?

One that:

- Encourages effective communication between all learners, and where the teacher is willing to learn alongside and from the students. Students can plan to contribute to the body of knowledge in the classroom.

# What Device Can Students Bring?

- iPads
- Laptops
- Android Tablets
- Mini Tablets
- Kindle Fires
- Nooks
- There may be additional suggestions from the teacher.

# Do Teachers Need to Know how all of the Devices Work?

- Teachers will not have to know how all of the devices work. They just need to know how to nurture an environment in their classrooms that is conducive for students to be creative, solve problems, and work together.
- Students are responsible for knowing the basics about using their own devices.

# What Will the First Day Look Like?

- The teacher will discuss care and rules for bringing the devices to class.
- Students will work in groups exploring their devices. They will practice turning the devices on and off and logging onto our Wi-Fi network.
- Students without devices will use school devices to participate.
- Students will need to know how to use their own devices.



# Device Q & A

- **May students borrow from or share devices with other students? Sharing devices will not be permitted. This is a safety precaution.**
- **How many devices may students bring? Students may bring one device at a time.**
- **Is it ok for students to play games on devices? Games are only to be played with the teacher's permission, and they must be educational.**
- **Can a student download apps at school? No, apps must be downloaded at home with parents' permission. Teachers will assign apps for lessons in advance.**
- **May students bring earbuds? Yes, please bring your earbuds.**

# Things to remember:

- Devices should be charged at home. There will not be time at school for charging.
- Devices will be stored in a location designated by your teacher when not in use.
- Virus protection should be updated at home as needed.
- Students may only use our student wifi network.
- Students may not use their 3G or 4G Networks at school.

# Inappropriate Use

- Texting except when you have teacher permission and it is educationally appropriate.
- Non-educational games, songs, or videos.
- Videotaping or photographing classmates or teachers without permission.
- E-mailing friends/family, except when it is academically appropriate.
- Using devices at inappropriate times.
- Using someone else's device.
- Please review the permission form for other additional information about appropriate/inappropriate use of devices.

# Questions for Parents

- Does it matter which device my child uses? Practically speaking, no. However, small iPhones and iPod touches are really too small for students to use easily.
- Which device should I purchase? We do not endorse, either directly or indirectly, any particular device or manufacturer.
- I'm worried that my child's device will get damaged. What can I do to lessen that chance? We suggest using some sort of protective case, but you need to be aware that nothing is 100% effective. Fulton County Schools assumes no responsibility for damage to a user's device.

# Questions (cont'd.)

- Can my child use a “hand-me-down” tablet from his/her older sibling (or other family member, etc.)? Absolutely. If the device has functioning wifi, then it should be able to connect to the student network.
- My child wants to use a laptop instead of a tablet. Is that OK? Yes, but, we suggest that you have up-to-date anti-virus/anti-malware software installed for the greatest amount of protection.
- Does Ocee provide any technical support for my child’s device? No, we do not. Students must be familiar with and able to support their own devices.

# Questions (cont'd.)

- Will my child be able to charge their device while at school? Devices should come to school charged and ready for use.
- What if I am unable to provide a device for my student? It is not required for students to bring their own devices. Schools have devices that are available for student use.
- Does my child's device need to have its own data (cellular) connection? No. Fulton County provides a filtered connection to the Internet for the student devices to use while within the school building.

# How can Technology Transform Instruction? By turning up the H.E.A.T.

- Higher-Order Thinking
- Engagement
- Authenticity
- Technology Use

# Stages of Technology Integration

- **Literacy**-Students will start out at the Literacy Level while students learn how to use their own technology at school.
- **Adapting**-Next, students will learn to adapt what they are already doing in class when they start using technological devices.
- **Transforming**-Students will move towards working on high level, challenging activities that would be impossible to do without the use of the tools.



# Resources for Turning Up the Heat

- <https://coachingheat.wikispaces.com/>