



Yough Intermediate/Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the implementation of "Bring Your Own Device" in the Yough Intermediate Middle School. The letters BYOD stand for "Bring Your Own Device" and refers to personal electronic devices not owned by the district such as cellphones, iPads, Kindles, and laptops brought to school for educational use. These devices will not replace district owned devices; they will supplement them and increase access for everyone.

You are receiving this letter because your child will be taking part in a BYOD program in most of 7th and 8th grade classrooms. Targeted 6th grade classrooms will also be using BYOD. Your child's teacher will inform you of the possibility of using BYOD in their classroom via email, teacher letter, or Remind1.

Students bringing their own technology device will promote an exciting shift in how students view and use their personal devices. Instead of using them mainly for social and entertainment purposes, students will begin to see and experience these devices as learning tools. Your child's classroom teacher will determine when and how personal electronic devices may be used in his/her classroom.

Please understand that this initiative does not require the purchase of any device by our students or families. District devices will continue to be available for students to meet curriculum and instructional expectations. Devices brought to school will connect to the filtered, wireless network to prevent excess data fees to your personal account. In addition, all devices must be functional and fully charged. Students are responsible for the safety, operation, troubleshooting, and repair of their device. The Yough School District will not be responsible for theft or damage of personal devices brought to school, or for excess personal plan data usage.

The combined increase in personal electronic devices and available online applications has created a powerful resource to personalize learning, engage with content, and develop lifelong learning habits. We are extremely excited about the potential for BYOD at Yough Intermediate Middle School. Detailed information about rules for the use of personal electronic devices at school can be found within the Acceptable Use Policy available for review on the district's web page. **Students will only use their devices during that classroom period and will return the device to their locker after class. If the student does not return the device to their locker, they will lose the privilege tied to BYOD. A first-time violation is a parent phone call. A second violation will result in the loss of BYOD usage. A third violation will result in ISS.**

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this BYOD program if you so choose. Please feel free to contact my office with your questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Smetak
Principal