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Dear Parents,

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new positive real world educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, we have decided to implement **Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)** at our school. Students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. Devices include laptops, iPads, Androids, Samsungs, iPod Touches etc. This document is a contract which we will adhere to as we establish this new program within our school. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school's equipment.

Internet

Only the guest internet provided by the school that is student filtered may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time (ex. hotspots). **If a student is using outside internet such as 3G wireless and gets 'caught' the student will lose the privilege of bringing their own technology.**

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The devices are brought to the school to be used for educational purposes. Any student discovered to be using the device for any other activity will have the device taken away and not allowed to bring them again. The parent will need to retrieve the device from the office. J.V. Washam is **NOT** responsible for lost, misplaced, stolen, broken technology devices brought to school. The student needs to understand that it is their responsibility to be accountable for their own devices. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOT Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other technology device while at school without the teacher's permission. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOT must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Safety. Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and buses.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes such as texting.
- The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The students can not download apps at school and will be told in advance if an app that is universal is need.
- **The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the computer or close the screen. The teachers will control when they may be used.**
- The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student understands that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- J.V. Washam has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- **Cyberbullying** refers to bullying that is done electronically through the internet and that causes physical or emotional harm to the victim, or disrupts school activities. This will not be tolerated.
- The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices is not possible at school.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or laptop privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

The BYOT Pilot is for 5th grade students only at this time.

Print Student name and Homeroom : _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____