

New Hope-Solebury School District Bring Your Own Device



Frequently Asked Questions December 2012

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Students,

We are pleased to announce that we are ready to move forward with our *Bring Your Own Device Initiative!* We recognize that many of our students already possess computing devices (Laptops, iPads, Kindles, etc.) that could greatly enhance their learning experience in the classroom.

Teachers will allow students, at ***their discretion***, to use any computing device in their classroom they deem fit to use for certain units of study. The use of such devices will be held to the same standard as existing school issued devices. You and your child have read and signed off on the school district Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) in the beginning of the school year. There is also language in our Parent/Student Handbook about the use of electronic devices that will now be obsolete due to permission being granted to bring these devices to school. Please review that policy carefully as we move forward with expanding technology use to support the instructional environment. Also, be aware that the ***school is not responsible for loss, theft or damage*** of personal equipment. We implore you to caution your child about safe keeping of his/her device in a ***locked locker or area*** during the times it is not in his/her possession - as well as safe keeping during bus transportation to and from school.

Please note that we are not requiring students to bring in their own device. We currently have equipment for teacher and student use that we will still provide. We are opening up this opportunity to students and teachers who have their own devices that they feel comfortable with and will enhance their teaching/learning experience!

Below are some frequently asked questions about BYOD. Please take some time to review them. Should you have a question concerning BYOD that is not addressed, please email BYOD@nhsd.org

Why Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in the New Hope-Solebury School District?

The New Hope-Solebury School District believes that 21st Century instruction is necessary for 21st Century learning. Providing students with an environment that fosters and encourages this belief is part of our core values. All members of our learning community hold the responsibility to value technology and achieve technological proficiency to prepare our students for future jobs, which currently may not exist. Schools must challenge students with rigorous, personalized academic experiences, foster innovation and creativity, and embrace emerging technologies. In a 21st Century learning environment, students actively engage in a cohesively integrated curriculum, access information and apply it in solving authentic problems.

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally owned devices in their pockets that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace. With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction in every subject, thereby, maximizing their opportunity for success in school and beyond. A decade ago this was just a dream. Today, it can be a reality.

What is the “D” in BYOD?

For the purposes of BYOD, “Device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod Touches, cell and smart phones.

What School Board Policies should I be aware of?

School Board policy 815 governs the acceptable use of electronic communication devices in the district. Links to these policies are provided below. Please take a moment to review them.

- [Policy 815 Electronic Communication, Equipment and Systems](#)
- [Policy 815 Electronic Communication, Equipment and Systems Administrative Regulations](#)
- [Policy 237 Use of Electronic Devices](#)

BYOD FAQs

What if my device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?

Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal items. The district will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen or misplaced. Some devices have a device locator; it is recommended that you enable this feature if possible.

Bringing your own devices to school can be useful, however some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft. The New Hope-Solebury School District is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense.

Is it required that I use the School wireless? Can I use their own 3G or 4G service?

Students with a personally owned device need to use the guest wireless network. Using personal data service is not permitted.

I am bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will I have access to things I normally do with district equipment?

You will have access to any of the web-based software the district currently uses (databases, library search tools etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

Am I required to add additional software (virus protection, tracking device, etc.) to my child's device?

The guest network at NHSD is an open network. You should take measures to protect your devices, including Virus protection. Device location software is not required but is always a good idea.

I don't have my own electronic communication device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?

No, it is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to an appropriate district owned digital device. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device!

I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet now?

Most devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time devices will ask you if you would like to join the network when prompted, choose *NHSDGuest* from the list.

My device is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?

In the settings menu of your device, there is usually an icon for a network, go to this icon and chose *NHSDGuest* from the list or prompt your computer to look for wireless networks in range.

I can't get my device to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?

Due to legal concerns, under no circumstances are school staff permitted to work on personal devices. It is not the responsibility of your teacher or other staff to troubleshoot individual devices.

I need to save my work in my network folder. Why can't I access this resource? You are on the guest network. It is not the same as the network you would normally access from a school computer. You will not see your network folder, so you will need to save your work in another place. Some options include a flash drive, your own hard drive, or Google Docs.

I need to print the assignment I just completed, why is there no printer when I try this?

Like the network folders, printers are networked differently in the school and will not be available when you log in to the guest network. Some network solutions

include saving it to a flash drive or printing it from home or another school computer. Keep in mind that using school printers in the classroom or other learning spaces is at the discretion of the teacher or other school administrator.

Why am I filtered on my own computer? Shouldn't I be able to see what I want to on my own device?

Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you're using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

Will I be able to recharge my device during the day?

Students are not permitted and should not have the expectation that they will be able to charge devices at school.

Am I still held accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) I signed at the beginning of the school year even though this is my personal device?

Yes, students using a personally owned device must have an Acceptable Use Policy signed.

Student Network User Agreement from Student Handbook

Students, staff and administration of New Hope-Solebury School District have individual computer accounts, which allow access to Network Resources (electronic communications, networks, Internet tools, messaging agents, computers and other electronic devices and electronic facilities provided by or through the district). **Please read these guidelines carefully and sign below. You will be held responsible for following ALL of these guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school, depending upon the severity of the offense.**

Board Policy #815 states that “access to Network Resources is a privilege, not a right; inappropriate, unauthorized and illegal use will result in cancellation of those privileges and appropriate disciplinary action. Students and staff have the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every other user of electronic communications in the district and on the Internet. With the privilege of access to the Network Resources come certain responsibilities. Users need to familiarize themselves with the responsibilities. Failure to adhere to them may result in the loss of NHSSD network privileges.”

Students and staff are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with Board Policies 815, 814, 814.1 and 814.2, Administrative Regulation 815, accepted rules of network etiquette, and Federal and State law. Specifically, the following uses are prohibited:

1. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
2. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes.
3. Use of the network for non-school related work on more than an incidental basis.
4. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
5. Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks, and offensive or inflammatory communication.
6. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, or use of copyrighted materials.
7. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material.
8. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
9. Use of the network to transmit or publish material likely to harass others.
10. Intentional obtaining or modifying of files and data belonging to another user without the other user's consent.
11. Impersonation of another user, anonymity, and pseudonyms and or attempting to use or obtain the password of another user.
12. Use of network facilities for fraudulent copying, communications, or modification of materials in violation of copyright laws.
13. Use of the network to disrupt the work of other users.
14. Sharing district password with, or allowing password to be used by, anyone else.
15. Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, or other electronic media.
16. Destruction, modification, or abuse of network hardware and software.
17. Quoting personal communications in a public forum without the original author's prior consent.

New Hope-Solebury Internet Use Guidelines from Student Handbook

In addition to the guidelines from the Board Regulation #815, students agree to use the Internet and email for *educational* purposes.

I will not use the Network Resources:

1. to play non-educational, curriculum related games;
2. to publish, distribute or otherwise make available any personal information about myself, anyone else, or my school. This includes name, address, telephone number, email address, or any other information;
3. to access, send, promote or print hate mail, threats, harassing information, derogatory remarks, material of a sexual nature, and other antisocial communications;
4. for illegal, commercial or for profit purpose;
5. to purchase or order *any* items including stocks and auction items (e.g. ebay or similar websites);
6. to participate in chat, chat rooms, interactive bulletin boards, web-based email or any other online real-time conversations. I will not sign or send messages through "guestbooks" that appear on websites unless it is under the supervision of a staff member;
7. to impersonate or misrepresent other users on the network;
8. to download any files or programs, including games, MP3's, other music, or video.

These guidelines are also posted on the web. Policies can be found on the district's website and in all district offices and libraries.

The school district will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. The Superintendent is delegated authority to implement these educational requirements.

I have read the Network User Agreement and the applicable policies and regulations. I agree to follow these guidelines. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures. **I understand that I am responsible for my account and all activity within my account.**

In signing this form, you have signified that you have read and agree to these guidelines.

Please print full name

Signature

Date