Sealy High School "Bring Your Own Technology" Program

PURPOSE: Sealy ISD is dedicated to creating a learning environment that is conducive to a 21st century education. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's global economy. While we want our students to be active contributors in our connected world, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. To facilitate this environment, Sealy ISD will continue the Bring Your Own Technology program at Sealy High School for the 2014-15 school year. These devices can be used throughout the school day to enhance student learning, as allowed by their classroom teachers.

Responsible Use Policy: Faculty, staff and students who participate in the BYOT program must abide by the rules outlined in the Responsible Use Policy.

Personal Devices: For personal devices used in Sealy ISD facilities, SISD reserves the right to:

- collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or is the source of an attack or virus infection. Users should have no expectation of personal privacy in any matters stored in, created, received, or sent though the SISD computer network.

- deem what is considered to be inappropriate use of the SISD computer network.

- suspend an account or network access at any time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Is my child required to bring their own device?
Answer: No. Students have access to district-owned computers throughout the campus.

Question: What device should I purchase for my child?
Answer: The decision to purchase a device is one that each family must make based on their own needs and financial circumstances. While Sealy ISD does not require that student purchase a particular device, we are providing the Acceptable Device handout to assist parents/guardians in making an educated decision when deciding on a student device.

Question: Will my child's Internet access be filtered or monitored while using the SISD wireless network?
Answer: A content filtering solution is in place in order to prevent access to certain sites that may contain inappropriate material, including pornography, weapons illegal drugs, gambling, and any other topics deemed to be of non-educational value by SISD. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all public school network access to be filtered. SISD is not responsible for the content accessed by users who connect via their own type of service (cell phones, air-cards, etc.) Users should have no expectation of personal privacy in any matters stored in, created, received, or sent though the SISD computer network.

Question: Who is responsible if my child runs up a data bill with their device during school hours?
Answer: Sealy ISD is not responsible for any data charges incurred while the device is used at school. As part of the Responsible Use Policy, students are required to connect to the Sealy ISD wireless infrastructure whenever they are on campus. Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices including, but not limited to, cell phones/cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

Question: Who is responsible if my child's device is lost, stolen or damaged?
Answer: Responsibility to keep the personal device secure rests with the individual owner. SISD is not liable

for any device stolen or damaged on campus. SISD can NOT replace or provide financial restitution for any stolen or damaged personal technological device.

Question: What should we do if my child's device is stolen?
Answer: SISD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. Students should report theft or vandalism of a device as soon as possible to the campus administration immediately. Documenting a devices make, model and serial # will be helpful as well.

Question: What can I do to help prevent the theft of a device?
Answer: There are a variety of apps and software packages available today that can locate, lock or wipe the device. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your personal technology from others. Additionally, protective cases for technological devices are encouraged. Parents should research these options to determine which best meets their needs.

Question: Can a student use their device whenever and wherever they want while on campus?
Answer: No. Students may use a personal device in class for instructional use with teacher permission. Students must still abide by all campus rules regarding personal electronic devices as stated in the campus Student Handbook.

Question: Can students print from their personal devices?
Answer: No. Personal devices are not allowed to print to district-owned printers.

Question: Can students on any other campus besides the High School participate in BYOT?
Answer: No. Sealy High School is the only campus that is part of the BYOT pilot at this time.

Question: I think my device has been stolen. What should I do?
Answer: Students should report theft or vandalism of a device as soon as possible to the campus administration immediately. Documenting a devices make, model and serial # will be helpful as well.

Question: Can I use my device anywhere on the school premises?
Answer: No. Students may use a personal device in class for instructional use with teacher permission. Students must still abide by all rules regarding personal electronic devices as stated in the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook. Teachers have final authority in their classrooms regarding device usage.

Question: I cannot get my device to connect to the SISD wireless. Can a Sealy ISD staff member connect it for me?
Answer: No. Students are responsible for knowing how to connect their own devices to the wireless network. Students should use their user's manual to correct the issue. To access directions for logging into SISD's wireless network, go to the campus website.

Question: Why are some websites blocked even though I am using my own device?
Answer: The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all public school network access to be filtered. As part of the Responsible Use Policy, students are required to connect to the Sealy ISD wireless network.

Bring Your Own Technology Do's and Don'ts

1. Keep a record of serial numbers for your device(s) so that they are identifiable if lost or stolen.
2. Bring your device charged when needed for instructional use.
3. Only use your device with teacher's permission.
4. Only use the SISD provided wireless network.

1. Do not leave your device unattended.
2. Do not loan your device to another student.
3. Do not use your device without permission.
4. Do not bypass the district provided wireless network.
5. Do not use your device during lunch or between passing periods.