

Flour Bluff Independent School District

## Guidelines for Use of Personal Telecommunication Devices

By taking advantage of equipment that you, as parents, may have already provided your children, and by the District providing a filtered, wireless network (Wi-Fi), the District can partner with you to provide students with the best academic resources available.

Learning about and being held accountable for the responsible use of either district-owned technology or personally-owned electronic devices is an important part of preparing students to be successful in the future. Whether using district-owned or personally-owned electronic devices for school purposes, each student is expected to act in an appropriate manner in accordance with the District's Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG).

Students in grades 7 – 12 may bring and use personal, portable, electronic devices starting at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Devices such as, but not limited to, electronic readers, small laptop computers, cell phones, or any other portable equipment that can access the District's filtered Wi-Fi network.

The following guidelines must be adhered to by students using a personally-owned electronic device at school:

- Internet access is filtered by the District on personal devices in the same manner as District-owned equipment. If Internet access is needed, connection to the filtered, wireless network provided by the District is required.
- Students are expected to follow the Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG). RUG is available on the web at [www.flourbluffschoools.net](http://www.flourbluffschoools.net).
- These devices are the sole responsibility of the student owner. The school or District assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged or stolen and only limited time or resources will be spent trying to locate stolen or lost items.
- These devices have educational and monetary value. Students are prohibited from trading or selling these items to other students on District property, including school buses.
- Each student is responsible for his/her own device: set-up, maintenance, and charging. Teachers will not store student devices at any time, nor will any District employee diagnose, repair, or work on a student's personal device.
- Students who do not have access to personal devices will be provided with an alternative way of completing the assignment or a district owned device may be provided based on availability.
- Electronic devices are only to be used in the classroom for educational purposes at the discretion of a teacher.
- Campus administrators and teachers have the right to prohibit use of devices at certain times or during designated activities (i.e. campus presentation, theatrical performance, or guest speaker) that occur during the school day.
- An administrator may examine a student's personal device and search its contents, in accordance with the law, if there is a reason to believe that the Responsible Use Guidelines has been violated.

FLOUR BLUFF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BYOD

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE



## A Guide for Parents



## Bring Your Own Device

Flour Bluff ISD is now offering a **filtered** Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi on campuses. Students in grades 7-12 may bring a personal device to school and use for educational purposes. Students are expected to connect to the filtered Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi to ensure access to the best online resources.



- \*For your **Username**, type in your **Student ID or Account Name**
- \*For your **Password**, type in the **password you use to log in**



## Important Facts

- Users of the Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi network have **filtered** Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.
- Flour Bluff ISD offers many educational resources via the Internet. These resources can be accessed anytime and anywhere the student has access to the Internet, therefore learning is extended beyond the classroom.
- Students in grades 7-12 may now bring their own technology devices (laptop, netbook, cell phone, tablet, etc.) to Flour Bluff ISD campuses and they will be utilized in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- By connecting to the Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi, users accept the terms of the Flour Bluff ISD Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG), located on the Flour Bluff ISD Website.
- Use of technology is a privilege and not a right.
- Students are expected to exhibit digital responsibility and follow the Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG) while using technology.
- The Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG) may be found on [www.flourbluffschoools.net](http://www.flourbluffschoools.net) and a copy will be provided to your student.



## Responsibility for Devices

- The technology devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility.
- The campus or district assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged, or stolen and only limited time or resources will be spent trying to locate stolen or lost items.
- Personal devices may be subject to investigation in accordance with District Policy.
- Students are to keep their devices secure at all times and not loan to others.
- Students must keep devices on silent or vibrate mode.

## Appropriate Student Use

As with any tool, there are appropriate places and times for the use of devices on the Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi network. Below are the levels and permissible situations for use. Campus administrators and teachers have the right to use at their discretion and to prohibit use of devices at certain times or during designated activities (i.e. campus presentations, theatrical performance, or guest speaker) that occur during the school day.

Usage	Junior High (Grades 7-8)	High School (Grades 9-12)
When designated for learning by teacher	✓	✓
During Passing Periods		✓
During Lunch		✓

## Grading of Student Work

Students who do not have access to personal devices will be provided with an alternative way of completing the assignment or may request a district owned device be provided based on availability.

## Tips for Success with Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi

- Clearly label all devices and power cords with your student's name.
- Set a password or passcode on the device.
- Bring devices to school fully charged and in good working order.
- Record the serial number and model information at home.
- Students may bring headphones to use with their device as many digital resources have audio.
- Your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy may cover lost or damaged personal electronic devices. Please check your policy. The district will not provide insurance.
- Students should silence or place devices on vibrate while working on campus.

## Responsible Use of Technology

Look for more information on important guidelines to share with your child about Digital Citizenship. Booklets are available at [www.flourbluffschoools.net](http://www.flourbluffschoools.net). Several publications help kids learn why and how to stay safe online. Key points covered are:

- Use strong passwords.
- Do not share passwords.
- Keep addresses, phone numbers, and other personal information private.
- Be respectful when communicating.
- Do not connect with people you do not know personally.
- Students are expected to connect to the filtered Flour Bluff Public Wi-Fi while on campus.
- Report any suspicious information to an adult immediately.
- Photos are to be taken only when directed by the classroom teacher.
- Students must not loan or share personal device with others.
- Recommended Links:
  - o Digital Citizenship at [digitalcitizenship.net](http://digitalcitizenship.net), published by International Society for Technology in Education
  - o General Information "Net Cetera" published by U.S. Government
  - o Heads Up: Stop. Think. Connect. published by U.S. Government
  - o Snap Chat published by Connect Safely
  - o Cyberbullying at [stopbullying.gov](http://stopbullying.gov), published by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

For more information about Digital Citizenship, please go to [www.flourbluffschoools.net](http://www.flourbluffschoools.net).