



BYOD Policy

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy for Athena Schools

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the safe and appropriate use of personal devices within Athena Schools. While technology enhances learning opportunities, it also presents potential risks if misused. This policy ensures a balanced approach to technology use, safeguarding the well-being, privacy, and security of all students, staff, and stakeholders.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, parents, staff, contractors, and visitors who bring and use personal devices on school premises. It covers all devices capable of communication, internet access, or information storage, including but not limited to:

- Laptops
 - Tablets (e.g., iPads)
 - Mobile phones (limited use)
 - Wearable technology
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3. Principles

- **Security:** The security, storage, and insurance of personal devices are the sole responsibility of the device owner.
 - **Safety:** Devices must be used in ways that protect the dignity, privacy, and safety of all community members.
 - **Educational Focus:** The primary purpose of device use is to support learning. Personal use must not interfere with educational activities.
 - **Compliance:** All users must comply with the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and relevant school guidelines.
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4. Usage Guidelines

- Devices must be registered with ICT staff before use.
- Students and parents must sign the Digital Devices Acceptable Use Agreement prior to device activation.
- BYOD is limited to laptops and tablets; mobile phone use is restricted.



- Devices must only connect via the school's BYOD wireless network; cellular data use is prohibited on campus.
 - Cameras, video, and audio recordings may only be used for educational purposes with prior permission.
 - Users must not attempt to bypass network security or filtering measures.
 - Devices may not store or access offensive or inappropriate content.
 - Devices must be fully charged before arrival at school.
 - Printing from personal devices is not supported.
 - Charging is only permitted at designated USB charging points.
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5. Cyber-Bullying and Misuse

Athena Schools maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards cyber-bullying and misuse of technology. This includes but is not limited to:

- Sending abusive or threatening messages
- Sharing inappropriate images or videos
- Online harassment, defamation, or impersonation
- Unauthorized distribution of photos, videos, or audio recordings
- Posting offensive content on social media
- Hacking or attempting to access unauthorized resources

Violations will result in disciplinary action per the school's Behaviour Management Policy.

6. Parental Guidance

Parents are expected to support responsible device use by:

- Monitoring device usage at home
 - Setting clear rules and consequences for misuse
 - Staying informed about the apps, games, and social media platforms used by their child
 - Using parental control apps and firewalls to restrict inappropriate content
 - Encouraging use of devices in common family areas rather than private rooms
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7. Violations and Consequences

Failure to comply with this policy will lead to consequences including:

- Loss of BYOD privileges
 - Suspension of network access
 - Disciplinary action in line with the school's Behaviour Management Policy
 - Potential legal action in cases of serious violations
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8. School Liability Statement

Athena Schools accepts no responsibility for personal devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged on school property. The school is not responsible for maintenance, software updates, or any costs incurred by device usage.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the school's governing body to ensure compliance with best practices, legal requirements, and technological developments.
