

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Participation Agreement

WISH recognizes that technology plays a crucial role in education and that students may benefit from using their own personal devices for learning purposes. To ensure responsible and safe usage, we have established this Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy.

1. Device specifications & required software

WISH has a generally hands off approach with personal devices. There are a minimal number of required software installations. WISH does not install any management or tracking software on the device.

- 1.1. Personal devices must use one of the following approved operating systems: Windows, macOS, ChromeOS. Other operating systems—including iOS, iPadOS, or Android—do not qualify for the BYOD program.
- 1.2. Personal devices should be kept in good working condition, including regularly installing software and operating system updates. The operating system must be updated to at least a version released within at least the last three years, though some testing software may require more recent OS versions.
- 1.3. Google Chrome must be installed and kept updated.
- 1.4. Windows & macOS devices: WISH may require the installation of testing software, and device settings may need to be adjusted to satisfy technical requirements of the required testing software.

2. Responsible use & program requirements

- 2.1. BYOD students must follow all school policies regarding BYOD and technology usage as detailed here, in the WISH Technology Handbook, and in the WISH Family Handbook.
- 2.2. While on campus, BYOD students may only use the following listed software on their personal device:
 - Chromebooks: BYOD students must be signed into their WISH account at the device level.
 - Windows & macOS: BYOD students must use Google Chrome for web browsing. BYOD Students may use basic system software—e.g. file manager, camera, text editor—as necessary to complete schoolwork.
- 2.3. While on campus, BYOD students may not use other software not listed above unless permitted by a WISH teacher or staff member, including, but not limited to, any entertainment apps for music, videos, or games.
- 2.4. WISH will apply a "BYOD Approved" label to the lid of the personal device, which may leave adhesive residue when removed. BYOD students may not remove the BYOD sticker, provide it to another student, or create replicas of it for others.

3. Internet usage & content filtering

- 3.1. BYOD students will have access to the internet through their personal device at school.
- 3.2. Parents/guardians should discuss appropriate online behavior and internet safety with their children.
- 3.3. WISH implements content filtering measures on campus, but parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's internet usage at home where WISH content filters may not apply on a personal device.
- 3.4. BYOD students must not attempt to access restricted websites or otherwise circumvent the school's content filters.
- 3.5. BYOD students must not use their device to access inappropriate or unauthorized materials, or for personal entertainment or other non-educational activities.
- 3.6. The majority of WISH's content filtering measures only apply while BYOD students use Google Chrome, signed into their WISH Chrome Profile, and connected to the school's WiFi network. Some school filters will not apply if a BYOD student uses another web browser (e.g. Safari, Edge), uses Google Chrome while signed into a different profile, or uses their device off campus.
- 3.7. WISH uses activity monitoring software that keeps a record of BYOD students' web browsing history and activity only when using Google Chrome while signed into their WISH profile. This monitoring software is implemented via a Google Chrome extension that is linked to and monitors only their school-issued Google account.

4. Personal data & security

- 4.1. BYOD students must keep their device and account credentials secure and not share them with others.
- 4.2. WISH is not responsible for damage to the device or any loss of personal data.

5. Compliance

- 5.1. Student violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, and BYOD privileges may be revoked, temporarily or permanently, at the discretion of the school administration team.
- 5.2. BYOD privileges may also be revoked, temporarily or permanently, as part of disciplinary action unrelated to WISH's BYOD or technology policies.

6. Liability, loss, or damage

Parents/guardians and students agree to release WISH from any liability for damages or injuries resulting from the use of personal devices at school.

7. Support

Students may use the WISH Help Center at www.wishcharter.org/familyhelp/ for any questions or to request support. WISH will only perform minor technical support to ensure compliance with BYOD program requirements and will not perform any other software or hardware technical support if a student's personal device is malfunctioning.

By signing you acknowledge you have read and understand this Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program Agreement and agree to abide by its terms. This agreement is valid for the current school year only, from the date it is signed through the following July, including summer school/ESY. A new BYOD agreement must be signed each school year.