

BYOD Frequently Asked Questions - Students

What is BYOD?

"Bring your own device" is a program where staff and students can bring their personal computing devices (PCD's) on campus and connect them to a district wireless network that provides filtered internet access.

I brought my device to school to use in the classroom, but my teacher said I couldn't use it in her classroom. Can I still use it?

Each classroom teacher has the final say on procedures for use of technology in the classroom. If a teacher asks you not to use your device during class, then you must follow those directions.

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

Most laptops or other personal technology devices (smart phones), will detect a wireless connection when the user is near one. Your device should prompt you to join an available network. When prompted, choose the MISD Guest option (misd-wifi). Once you choose this network, you will be prompted to accept the terms of service. Read this information carefully so that you know what should be expected. You also will be prompted to enter your login name and password (same as you use for MISD network access).

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

An icon for a network typically appears in the settings menu of devices. Locate that icon and choose the MISD Guest Network (misd-wifi) from the list or prompt your device to look for a wireless network. Always consult your device's user's manual for exact directions for accessing a wireless network.

My laptop/device will not connect to the network. Who can help

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me?

Students who cannot access the MISD Guest Network or who may experience technical issues with their device should consult the user's manual for the device. Given the number and variety of possible devices that might be used in schools, expert support for users would be difficult, if not impossible.

I need to save my work in my MISD shared folder. Why can't I access this resource?

Connection through the MISD Guest Network is not the same as the network you would normally access from a campus computer and you do not have access to your shared folder.

I need to print the spreadsheet I just created but there is no printer listed. How can I print my document?

Like the shared folders, printers are on the MISD network and will not be available when you login to the guest network.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this theft?

Bringing your own technology device 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 in case of theft. MISD is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are we responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school resource officer (SRO) or an administrator to make him/her aware of the offense.

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

Student filtering is required by federal law of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access

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to be filtered, regardless of the tool you use to access it while in a public school. The network you are using while at school belongs to MISD and will be filtered regardless of the tool – personal or District – you use to access the network.

Am I still held accountable for the MISD Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) I signed at the beginning of the school year even though I am using my own personal computer?

Yes. The Acceptable Use Policy for MISD remains in effect even when you are using your own laptop, smart phone, iPad, etc. Each time you attempt to access the network at school you will be prompted to accept the terms of service which include the AUP.

Am I able to connect my laptop to an open network port and gain access to the internet?

No. MISD is only providing access to personal devices through the wireless network.

Will there be a penalty to my grade if I do not have my own device?

No. The privilege of bringing a personal device is designed to assist students, but personal devices are never required and a student will not receive a higher or lower grade because he or she brings or does not bring a personal device. If student learning requires the use of technology, the District will provide the necessary equipment for any student who does not desire to use or have access to his/her own device.

Why are some websites unavailable when logging in with a personal device?

Student filtering is required by federal law for all public schools. CIPA requires all network access to be monitored and filtered,

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regardless of the tool you use to access it while in a public school. The network being used belongs to MISD and will be filtered.

Are any spaces designated as Wi-Fi lounges for access to the network?

Libraries may be designated as locations where users who are not part of scheduled classes can use personal computing devices. Schools can opt to designate other areas as “anytime” spaces as well.