



BYOD FAQs for Students

Do I need anti-virus software?

Yes. Students will need to update their anti-virus software before bringing their device(s) onto school property.

How will I connect or log on to the Internet?

Make certain that your device is charged and that you are within the range of a GCPS Wi-Fi access point. You can connect to the Internet by logging on to the GCPS network just as you would any other wireless network by following the directions in your device's owner manual. You will be prompted to enter your school login code and password. Once they have been authenticated, you will receive filtered access to the Internet under Responsible Use Policy (RUP) guidelines.

If I cannot get connected to the GCPS network, who do I call?

Support for student-owned devices is the responsibility of the owner. Classmates also may be able to help. Due to other responsibilities, GCPS staff may not be able to assist, and cannot be responsible for technical issues. Always consult the owner's manual for your device, or the "Help" menu for directions on how to access a wireless network.

Can I access Facebook on my device?

Connectivity to the wireless network is just like connecting to the district network when it comes to sites you can access. It is important to remember that even though you are using your personal technology, you must comply with GCPS' guidelines and the Responsible Use Policy.

Can I use my device in all my classes?

That is up to the teacher of each of your classes, and/or the school's plan for use.

Can I print from my device to school printers?

At this time, there is no printing allowed from student-owned devices, though this option may be added in the future. If you need to print while at school, it is recommended that you save files in your eCLASS course page, e-mail the document to yourself or save it on a flash drive, log on to a district-owned device to retrieve, and print.

Can I save my work to the school network?

Students have the ability to upload files into their eCLASS course pages

What do I do if my device is damaged or stolen?

The owner is responsible for keeping his or her personal technology safe and secure. Any time there is theft or damage, you should notify your teacher or the administration. GCPS and employees of GCPS are not liable or responsible for any theft, damage, or loss of any non-district device or the information on any such device.

Will I be able to charge my device at school?

Presently, no facilities are dedicated to charging personal devices, with a limited number of outlets available in any given space. Students should make it a point to charge their technology prior to coming to school each day.

I have a data plan from an outside provider on my device that allows Internet access without using the GCPS network. Is that allowable?

Students should not access the Internet through any cellular data provider while on school premises. BYOD use is allowable only on the GCPS network.

Am I still held accountable for following the district's Responsible Use Policy even though this is my own personal device?

Yes. RUP is in effect even when you are using your own technology. Each time you attempt to access the network at school or at a school event, you are expected to abide by the Terms and Conditions of GCPS' RUP. Violating the Terms and Conditions of the RUP would be a Student Code of Conduct violation and would be dealt with by school administration.

GCPS looks forward to the educational opportunities that BYOD will bring to students and staff, and understands that there will be questions, as well as challenges, as we move forward. To learn more about this initiative and how it may be implemented at your school, contact your local school technology coordinator.

