



TAFT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 College Street, Taft, Texas 78390
361-528-2636, EXT. 2224 361-528-2223 (fax)

www.taftisd.net

Joe Lopez

Superintendent of Schools

"OUR FOCUS IS CHILDREN"

Taft Independent School District BYOD Policy

At Taft ISD, we use technology as one way of moving students and staff forward in a 21st century learning environment. These technologies may include, but are not limited to, District-provided equipment and personal devices. A BYOD device must be approved by the campus at which your child is a student before it can be used. This BYOD policy is intended to provide a framework for providing access to the Taft ISD network with a personal device. Each student's responsibilities and guidelines regarding ethical use of the Taft ISD network are provided in the Taft ISD Acceptable Use Policy.

BYOD DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF ACCESS

BYOD: An acronym for Bring Your Own Device.

Device: A "device" is a personally-owned laptop, tablet computing device, e-Reader, or smart phone. It includes technologies that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving and storing.

Guests: All visitors to District property, not including District employees or District students.

Guest Access: All guests to the District shall connect to the Taft ISD guest wireless account. Access through the District's guest wireless account includes internet access but does NOT include access to Taft ISD network resources, including file shares or printers. The District's guest wireless account is intended only for guests to the district.

Employee and Student Access: All District employees and District students shall register their device by completing a BYOD registration form and submitting the completed form to their campus principal. Once the device is registered, the District employee or District student will be permitted access to the appropriate staff or student wireless connection, which includes access to file shares and printers.

BYOD GUIDELINES

Students shall not use any electronic device to record audio or video or take pictures of any student or staff member without the student's or staff member's written or oral permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline, including but not limited to (i) suspension, (ii) criminal charges, and (iii) expulsion.

Students may not utilize any personal devices or the corresponding technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their classmates or others in their school community. This is unacceptable student behavior commonly known as cyber-bullying, and shall not be tolerated. Any cyber bullying that is determined to disrupt the safety and/or well-being of the school is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension and expulsion.

Users of personally-owned devices on school property shall not connect to the Internet through a 3G, 4G, LTE, or other content service provider's data network. Personally-owned devices must access the internet via the District's content-filtered wireless network.

In accordance with Taft ISD Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP"), any and all access through the District's wireless network may be monitored and/or recorded for the purposes of network security and compliance with state and federal guidelines. The Taft ISD AUP contains all of the rules and responsibilities for engaging in electronic communication with Taft ISD-owned and personally-owned electronic equipment.

All District students shall review the AUP, this BYOD Policy, and associated technology guidelines before utilizing any school or personally-owned device. The District reserves the right to restrict student use of District-owned technologies and personally-owned devices on school property or at school-sponsored events.

SECURITY AND DAMAGE DISCLAIMER

It is the responsibility of the individual owner to keep his or her personal technology device secure. Taft ISD is not responsible for any personal technology device that is stolen or damaged on District property. Taft ISD shall not replace nor provide financial restitution for any personal technology device that is stolen or damaged on District property. As a result, the District advises every user to keep all personal technology devices in a protective case and secured from accidental damage.