



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY (BYOD)

RATIONALE

BYOD Policy for Technology at Our Lady of the River School, Berri.

Technology is a vital educational priority at Our Lady of the River School, Berri (OLOR). We strive to produce 21st Century learners, so we value the use of electronic devices in the building for educational uses. OLOR is pleased to offer our students access to computers, electronic devices and a computer network.

OLOR computers/devices are for educational purposes only. Since the computers and computer network is provided for students to participate in classwork and enrichment activities, conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

AIMS AND IMPLEMENTATION

Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege-not a right, and entails responsibility. OLOR teachers, staff members, and administration may revoke this privilege at any time. OLOR staff may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly.

To gain access to our computers/devices and/or computer network, the parent/legal guardian and the student need to sign this form below and return it to the school.

Students will adhere to Christian principles and will:

- comply with all classroom rules regarding the computers
- be responsible and courteous in all communications
- be responsible with all computer hardware and software
- keep their passwords to themselves
- respect the confidentiality of folders, work and files of others
- learn about and observe copyright laws
- comply with OLOR Acceptable Use Policy
- not attempt to access or alter unauthorized areas of our computer system

Any activity not in compliance with these rules may result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Students in grades 3-7 are allowed to bring personal devices to school for educational use, such as iPads, iPods/Touches, and lap top computers. Cell phones or devices with 3/4 G are not allowed. Additionally, devices that are primarily for gaming are not allowed (i.e.: Nintendo, Game Boy, Play Station portable devices).

Students and families accept the risks associated with bringing personal devices to school. OLOR is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of any personal device brought to school by students. Sharing music or games is strongly discouraged. Devices not in use for educational purposes will be stored in a secure place within the classroom and devices signed in and out on a daily basis.

BYOD Policy

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of a student. Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Unfortunately, it is also true that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. OLOR takes reasonable measures to ensure safety for Internet use through filtering and teacher supervision. We believe that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages and therefore choose to make the Internet available to our students. Because parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children follow when using media and information sources, however, we respect each family's right to decide whether or not to accept use. While a student has access to the Internet, they:

- are to use it only for educational purposes (no social networking sites)
- text/video messaging is not allowed
- will not view or participate in anything that is illegal, dangerous, offensive or opposed to the Christian values of this school.
- will not reveal home addresses or phone numbers - theirs or anyone else's
- will not use the Internet to harass, cyber bully or offend anyone else.
- will not accept emails, IM messages or open files, pictures or texts from unknown source.

Students are encouraged to enable a passcode (with parent permission) on the device for privacy reasons. If suspicious material is believed to be on the device, the device will be confiscated, and parents will be called to check the device.

If students accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, they are to clear any offensive pictures or information from their screen and immediately, quietly, inform their teacher. This is not to be shared with another student in the school.

Device Violation Procedures

The first violation of any device rule or acceptable use policy regulation will result in the device being turned over to the teacher, OLOR staff member, or Principal. Parents may be notified and asked to pick the device up.

A second violation will also result in the device being turned over to the teacher, OLOR staff, or Principal. Parents may be notified to pick up the device and the Principal will not allow the device at school for a nominated number of weeks.

A third violation may result in the student not being allowed to have the device at school permanently.

Computer/Device Rules

- Computer/devices are only used during teacher supervised and designated times. This includes before 9.00 am and after 3.00 pm near and on the school site.
- Student devices are not allowed in the school hall or on the playground, including fruit and fitness, recess, lunchtime.
- Devices must be silenced when not in use.
- No device is ever allowed in the toilets or rooms not in use for privacy reasons. Violation of this rule will result in loss of device usage.
- Games on devices that are not educational may not be used. Any program/game used at school must be rated E for Everyone and be conducive to Christian principles.
- Be sure your teacher knows if you are online.
- No taking pictures without teacher approval.
- Never post a picture or a video online without permission (minors can not give permission, only a parent/guardian can).
- Students are responsible for bringing the device fully charged. The school will not supply charging devices.
- Use your device to LEARN!



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OLOR BYOD AGREEMENT

FAMILY NAME (Yrs 3-7): _____

Student/Parent (Guardian) Agreement

- I have read and understand the OLOR BYOD Policy.
- I understand:

The rules that apply to OLOR students accessing Devices and the Internet pursuant to the BYOD Policy; and

That disciplinary action may be taken by OLOR in respect of any breaches of the BYOD Policy as set out in the Policy

- I acknowledge that Year 3 to Year 7 students may bring personal electronic devices as described in BYOD Policy to school for educational purposes.
- I understand that OLOR will not be responsible for any accidental or deliberate damage, loss or theft of any personal devices brought to OLOR by students.
- I acknowledge that this OLOR BYOD Agreement will remain in effect for as long as my child is a student of OLOR.
- I give my consent to my child/ren accessing their own computers/devices and computer network at OLOR.

Student/s Signature/s _____

Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

(Please return this agreement signed by to the Our Lady of the River Administration Office)