

Holy Rosary Academy B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Technology)

Responsible Use Guidelines

Introduction

Holy Rosary Academy recognizes that our information-based world is becoming increasingly complex and students who are skilled in creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and information technologies are better prepared to be successful citizens in the global community. Just as new technologies are changing the world in which we live, they are providing new and positive educational benefits that help students develop these skills. HRA also recognizes that it does not have the resources to provide these technologies to every student.

In an effort to bring more technology tools into our classroom and to leverage student-owned technology, Holy Rosary Academy will allow personal technology devices to be brought onto the campus for instructional purposes and with individual classroom teacher permission. Students bringing such personal devices to school must follow all Tennessee laws, HRA Family Handbook policies, the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and the guidelines set forth in this document. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices.

Holy Rosary Academy currently provides technology that is appropriate and relevant to support instructional purposes. Therefore, the use of personal devices by students is optional. Students who do not participate in B.Y.O.T. will not be penalized, and alternate modes of participation will be available.

Definition of Personal Technology Device

A personal technology device (PTD) is any privately-owned technology device that includes, but is not limited to: laptops, cell phones, smart phones, eReaders, iPads, iPods, tablets devices, PDA's, or other current or emerging devices that can be used for word processing, wireless or wired Internet access, recording of images/sound, email, etc.

Responsibility, Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the PTD secure rests with the individual owner. HRA is not liable for any device stolen, infected, or damaged on campus, or at school functions. It is recommended that skins (decals) or other custom identification be used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged. HRA will not be responsible for any device charges to your account that may be incurred by using the PTD, whether or not the use is during approved, school-related use as outlined in this document.

It is a privilege rather than a right for a student to bring personal technology devices to school. When the policies are followed, our learning environment will be enhanced. However, when policies are abused, the privileges may be taken away and confiscation and/or disciplinary action may occur.

Guidelines

- Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to HRA Family Handbook and the HRA Technology Acceptable Use Policy.
- Students take full responsibility for the PTD at all times. The school is not responsible for storing or keeping the PTD secure at any time.
- Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and for use during specific projects.
- Devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and personal text/instant messaging).
- Students may not use devices to record, transmit or post photographic images, sound, or video of a person or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise directed by a teacher for specific educational purpose.
- Devices may only be used to access files on computer or Internet sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- The school has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or being the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Printing from personal laptops or devices will not be possible at school.
- **Personal devices should be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.** HRA will not be responsible for providing charging stations/facilities.
- HRA will not provide repair or software installation services to any PTD.

I/we understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I/we further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of B.Y.O.T. privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date