Helping Your Student Prepare for BYOD

Warren County School District Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

If you choose to allow your child to bring a personal mobile device to school, **consider having him/her practice the following steps to ensure that he/she is comfortable using the device before bringing it to school:**

- ✓ Have your child login to and use the device regularly at home to access the Internet and for productivity (e.g. create documents or spreadsheets, check email, etc.)

- ✓ Take the device to a store, restaurant, or other location that offers free WiFi access. Have your child login to WiFi at multiple locations to become confident with the process of logging into WiFi.

- ✓ Ensure that your child knows your family's rules about:

  - o Downloading free or paid apps or software onto the device. For example, is downloading apps allowed or not allowed, the amount of money the child is allowed to spend on apps? *Please note that if a teacher recommends a paid app or software, the teacher will* **NOT REQUIRE** *students to download paid apps or software onto their devices.*

  - o Sending text messages, if the device permits it. For example, is sending text messages allowed or not allowed, the child's text messaging limit? *Please note that if a teacher recommends an activity involving text messaging, the teacher will* **NOT REQUIRE** *students to send text messages.*

- ✓ Ensure that your child knows how to update apps, software, or the operating system on the device. **All updates should be completed at home, since Warren County School District has limited Internet bandwidth.**

- ✓ Have your child charge the device's battery every night so that it will be ready for use every morning.

- ✓ Take appropriate precautions to keep the device safe at school:

  - o Record your device's manufacturer, model, and serial number. Keep this information at home where you can find it later if you need it.

  - o Clearly label all personal mobile devices, peripherals, and accessories (e.g. cables, headphones) with the student's first and last name.

  - o Protect tablets and smart phones with durable cases to protect them from accidental drops or while being carried in a backpack.

  - o Carry laptops, netbooks, and other devices in a cushioned bag designed for protecting them.

  - o Consider installing tracking software or apps that can help locate the equipment if it is stolen.

  - o If you plan to leave your personal mobile device in your school locker during the day, purchase a lock for your locker. Ensure that the locker door is fully closed, that the lock is fully locked, and that your locker key or combination is not accessible to others.

  - o Take the device home at the end of every day or when leaving school for the day