

Timber Ridge School Pilot BYOD Program FAQs – Parents

Does my student have to participate in the BYOD program?

No, participation in BYOD is optional. Students will not be penalized for not bringing in a device. The concept behind BYOD is for students to utilize their personal device at school as a tool for learning. School technology/devices will be available for student use in science class.

What if my child's device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?

Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal item. The school will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen or misplaced. Some devices have a device locator; it is recommended that you enable this feature if possible.

Can my student access any website on their devices? Can they use their own 3G or 4G service?

The BYOD wireless network that students will connect to is filtered according to district guidelines. Not all websites will be available. Greater Albany Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment. Digital Citizenship will be part of the BYOD educational process. Students with a personally owned device need to use the **GAPS-Public** wireless network.

Will students be able to use their device anytime they want?

Each classroom teacher will have their own classroom management style to leverage the use of mobile devices. Clear expectations and communication on these teaching styles will be decided by district guidelines as well as classroom policy at the classroom level.

My child is bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will they have access to things they normally do with district equipment?

Your child will have access to any of the web-based software the school currently uses (Google Docs, databases, library search tools, etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

How will my son's/daughter's device be used in the classroom?

Students will engage in an integrated curriculum, access information, and apply it to solve authentic problems.

Timber Ridge School Pilot BYOD Program FAQs – Students

I don't have my own electronic communication device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?

No, it is **not mandatory** for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. Use of personal electronic devices will be optional. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device! If a student does not have a device, he/she will not miss out on the learning opportunities. Classroom technology/devices will be available for you to use while in science class.

I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet now?

Most devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time devices will ask you if you would like to join the network when prompted, choose "GAPS-Public" from the list. Once selected, you will be prompted to enter your username and password. This is your first initial, last name and graduation year. (dbrazel18) Password will be your student I.D. number.

My device is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?

In the settings menu of your device, there is usually an icon for a network, go to this icon and choose "GAPS-Public" from the list of available wireless networks or prompt your device to look for wireless networks in range.

I can't get my device to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?

It is not the responsibility of your teacher or other staff to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Please keep in mind, that students will not miss out on the learning experience if their device does not connect.

I need to print the assignment I just completed, why is there no printer when I try this?

Printers are networked differently in the school and will not be available when you log in to the GAPS-Public network. Some network solutions include creating and sharing an online document (Google Doc), emailing the document to your teacher, saving the document to a flash drive or printing the document from home or another school computer. Keep in mind that using school printers in the classroom or other learning spaces is at the discretion of the teacher or other school administrator.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?

Greater Albany Public Schools is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense. Bringing your own devices to school can be useful; however, some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft.

Why am I filtered on my own computer? Shouldn't I be able to see what I want to on my own device?

Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you're using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

Am I still held accountable for the Student Handbook School Policies I signed at the beginning of the school year even though this is my personal device?

Yes, students using a personally owned device must have both the Student Handbook School Policies and the Device User Agreement signed.

Pg. 11 Student Handbook READS:

Cell Phones, Pagers and Personal Communication Devices

- Turn off these devices and place them in your backpack before you enter the building.
- The backpack with these devices is to remain locked in your hall locker throughout the school day.
- After you have left the building, at the end of the school day, these items may be taken from your backpack and turned on.
- At no time during the school day are students allowed to have these devices on their person.
EXCEPTION: When used with permission in Mr. Brazel's or Ms. Drouhard's class.