

Ropes ISD

MOBILE LEARNING DEVICES

Definition of "Device"

For purposes of BYOD, "Mobile Learning Devices" means a wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as, but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep your personal device secure rests with the individual. Ropes ISD is not liable for any device stolen or any damaged devices. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged and for school devices cases are mandatory. Devices issued by Ropes ISD for student use remain the property of Ropes ISD.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of mobile learning devices to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Technology Acceptable Use and Internet Safety (CQ). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her mobile learning device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned mobile learning devices.
- The mobile learning device must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The mobile learning device may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.

- The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student complies with teachers' request to power down the device, close the screen or set aside the mobile learning device.
- The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student understands that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of school policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the school policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- The student realizes that printing from personal mobile learning devices will not be possible at school. Teacher permission must be granted in order to utilize printing resources while at school.

1. Students in grades 6 -12 will be allowed the use of school district iPads throughout the school year as mobile learning devices. Students 6-12 will be eligible to rent an iPad2. In order to use a school issued mobile learning device students and their parents will need to adhere to the following guidelines:

a. iPads will be checked out to students at the start of the school year, if the student has provided a protective cover for the equipment that has been approved by the district. iPads will be returned to Ropes ISD at the end of the school year.

b. Students Students/parents will be required to pay a rental fee of: (\$5 per month or \$50 per year.) Any required fee or deposit may be waived if the student and parent are unable to pay. Application for such a waiver may be made to the Superintendent.

c. If an iPad is damaged, lost, or stolen, the following will apply:

1. Damaged Screen--\$100 Deductible Payable to the District for the first instance, full replacement and repair cost for all future instances.
2. Damaged iPad—Cost of the repairs Payable to the District
3. Lost or Stolen iPad—Full replacement cost of the device.

4. Lost or Malfunctioning Charger--The district will provide students with 1 working charger at the time the device is first issued to the student. If the charger malfunctions, or is lost, students are responsible for its replacement. It is the student's responsibility to turn the charger in at the end of each school year, otherwise, the student will be responsible for replacing the charger.

e. iPad Content

- Only content that is required and approved by the district will be permitted to be installed on the iPad.
 - District Required Content will be available to the student on a district owned device for no charge and will be accessible to the student.
 - Games are to be approved by the district before installation on iPads. Approved games will be made available to students.
 - Content that is not approved by the district will be removed upon discovery and students will be subject to policy set forth by Ropes ISD.
- Content not permitted on district owned devices includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unapproved Gaming Apps
 - Social Media Apps, such as Instagram and Facebook, etc.
 - Apps deemed inappropriate set forth by district.

f. iTunes Account/iCloud Account

- Students will need access to their own iTunes Account to install apps approved by the school district.
- If students have siblings or other students living in their home, sharing accounts is left up to the discretion of the family/guardians.
- Students will need to backup their device to iCloud. This is a free service provided to anyone with an iTunes account. This helps to secure data from loss.

g. District Monitoring

- ALL Devices are monitored.
- Students who fail to comply with district guidelines and procedures will be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the Ropes ISD Handbook and Student Code of Conduct.

h. Personal iPads or Devices for Classroom Use

- Students are expected to abide by the policies and procedures set forth by Ropes ISD.
- Students will not access non-school related apps, etc. that may be stored on their personal device during school hours.
- Students will be expected to purchase apps that are required for classroom use with their own money.
- Ropes ISD is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of personal property.

Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed the use of mobile learning devices for educational purposes throughout the school year if students/parents adhere to the following guidelines:

- a. Students and parents have signed a Mobile Learning Device Form.
- b. Students have been granted permission by their teachers to utilize mobile learning devices within the classroom such as iPad, Kindle Fire, etc.
- c. Students and parents have signed a Ropes ISD Technology Acceptable Use Form.
- d. Students and parents have signed all appropriate forms for Ropes ISD.

Signature Page (Mobile Learning Device Policy)

I understand and will abide by the aforementioned policy and guidelines. I understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or mobile learning device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mobile Internet Device Use Policy

Ropes ISD has made available the ability for students to use the internet for educational purposes while in school and also after school hours. Students will be able to use the internet by way of a mobile internet device. Students are bound by and agree to abide by the Ropes ISD Student Code of Conduct, Ropes ISD Handbook, Ropes ISD School Policies and Procedures, Ropes ISD Mobile Learning Device Agreement, and the Ropes ISD Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. All material that is accessed using this device is fully accessible to the district and will be monitored.

Students may check out a Mobile Internet Device from Ropes ISD. Students are responsible for returning all equipment at the end of the school year. If a device malfunctions students need to return the device to the Ropes ISD Technology Department for repair. If a device is lost or stolen, students are responsible for replacing the device by paying a replacement fee to Ropes ISD.

Ropes ISD Technology User Agreement

In exchange for the privilege of using Ropes ISD computer technology, including access to online services and software, I agree to the guidelines set forth in the Ropes ISD Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. I understand that I have no expectation of privacy in my use of technology at Ropes ISD, and that the district staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure my proper use of the system. I understand that my failure to abide by any of these rules will subject me to disciplinary actions, revocation of my user account, and legal action as appropriate.

I agree not to hold Ropes ISD, any of its employees, or any of the institutions providing access to networks responsible for the performance of the system or the content of any material accessed through it.

Printed Student Name and Grade

Signature

Date

Printed Parent Name

Signature

Date

