

BYOD @ MHS

What is BYOD

BYOD stands for “bring your own device”

Students will have access to the internet using their own iPod, smart phone, tablet or notebook computer

Digital Citizenship

Students will understand what being a good digital citizen entails (distinguish between credible and deceptive information, what is acceptable to post, plagiarizing, cyberbullying, etc.) in the areas of ethics, safety and civility.

Students and staff will become publishers and in turn will improve their critical thinking skills and communication skills. This may also have ramifications for literacy and numeracy in the school.

It is hoped that these topics will be included in the grade 9 English curriculum in detail and will become included in school startup for all other grades.

School equipment available

There are a total of 60 notebook computers on carts

There are a total of 60 MacBook Pro computers on carts

There are also 3 computers labs and 1 Mac Lab (120 computers)

There are also 30 desktop PC's in the BBT Lab

There are a total of 203 iPad tablets

Total of 473 option available to students

Each teacher has 3 devices (notebook computer, MacBook Pro and an iPad)

What does this mean for the classroom?

Readily access information when **required**.

Teacher will be the person that **ultimately controls** when the device is to be used.

Allows for a more 1:1 ratio

What does this mean for the school and the school network?

Increase in devices will have a huge impact on the bandwidth traffic and this will also cause the school network and internet to slow down.

The school cannot continually buy the newest and latest technology. Students on the other hand may be able to do so.

What does this mean for parents?

This does not mean that the student can be in contact with their parent throughout the day. Learning is still the priority

Parents of students that do not have a device or cannot afford one, may feel pressured to get one for their student(s)

The school is looking at establishing an Equity Plan whereby the student receives a device and it is paid for over a period of time (12 or 24 months)

Devices do not have to be the latest technology. They can often be purchased used on site such as Kijiji for a fraction of the cost of a new one.

What does it mean for the student?

A level of responsibility in how both the device and access to the school network is used, both during class time and break times.

The students access to the BYOD signal can still be blocked should they be misusing the network.

Students will still have to follow Policy 311 (Acceptable Computer Use Agreement)

Students will use their devices as a tool that will enhance their learning and will still continue to have a desire to retain information.

They will be responsible for their device in the event that it get stolen or broken.

What does these mean for the teaching staff?

The biggest concern for the teaching staff will be managing access to the device during class time.

It will be up to the teacher to determine how this is going to work in their particular class.

Moving Forward

What is the future of BYOD in the school?

It is hoped that BYOD will drive the pedagogy (method and practice of teaching) and the learning

Online course material (Schoology, iTunesU, etc.) available to students outside of class

Student accountability

[BYOD Survey](#)

Equipment re-fresh

Questions

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