

Union County Middle School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) SBDM Policy

In accordance with the UCPS District Student Acceptable Use Policy, the UCMS SBDM Council hereby adopts this BYOD policy in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and employees while using their own technology devices.

- A personally owned device shall include all existing and emerging technology devices that can take photographs; record audio or video; input text; upload and download media; and transmit or receive messages or images. Examples of a personally owned device shall include but is not limited to: iPods, iPads, Nooks, Kindle, and other tablet PCs; laptop and netbook computers; personal digital assistants (PDAs), cell phones and smart phones such as BlackBerry, iPhone, or Droid, as well as any device with similar capabilities.
- Educational purposes may include but are not limited to classroom activities, career development, and communication with experts, homework, and limited high quality self-discovery activities.
- Students are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources and utilize their devices on in approved locations.
- Students bear the burden of responsibility to inquire with school administrators and/or teachers when they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology prior to engaging in the use.
- Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, the following: obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language or images typed, posted, or spoken by students; information that could cause damage to an individual or the school community or create the danger of disruption of the academic environment; personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks; harassment (persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person) or stalking of others; knowingly or recklessly posting false or defamatory information about a person or organization; and communication that promotes the destruction of property, including the acquisition or creation of weapons or other destructive devices. If a student is told to stop sending communications, that student must cease the activity immediately.
- Examples of unacceptable devices in this policy shall include but is not limited to gaming devices or consoles, laser pointers, modems or routers, and televisions.
- Personally owned devices are permitted for use during the school day for educational purposes and/or in approved locations only.
- The school and/or district shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personally owned device brought to school.

- The administration reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred.
- Students may not utilize any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their classmates or others in their community. This is unacceptable student behavior known as cyber bullying and will not be tolerated. Any cyber bullying that is determined to disrupt the safety and/or well-being of the school is subject to disciplinary and or criminal action.
- Students must be aware of appropriateness of communications when using district or personally owned devices. Inappropriate communication is prohibited in any public messages, private messages, and material posted online by students.
- The SBDM Council expressly prohibits student use of personally owned devices in locker rooms, restrooms, and nurse offices.
- Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline including but not limited to suspension, criminal charges, and/or expulsion.
- Personally owned devices used in school are not permitted to connect to the Internet through personal 3G, 4G, or other content service providers. Personally owned devices must access the internet via the District's content filtered wireless network.
- To utilize their devices, students must follow the appropriate steps to secure a Digital Driver's License (DDL) and remain in good standing according to the specified point system.
- Behavioral violations or infractions will result in restricted/loss of BYOD privileges as outlined and/or Student Code of Conduct consequences if applicable.

All students and parent/legal guardians shall review and agree to abide by these technology guidelines in the BYOD policy before utilizing any school and/or personally owned devices. The school administration reserves the right to restrict and or confiscate the student use of district owned technologies and personally owned devices on school property or at school-sponsored events.

UCMS Electronic Device PERMISSION FORM 2013-2014

Any parent/guardian who wishes that their child use a personally owned electronic device within the Union County School District must read and sign this agreement and submit to the library media specialist.

1. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device, as described in the Student Handbook policy on electronic devices. (This applies to all "Bring Your Own Device," Digital Drivers' License, and UCMS Overdrive Digital Library users.) The school is not responsible for the security of the device.
2. The student is responsible for the proper care of their personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school.
3. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.
4. Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.
5. The student must comply with teachers' request to shut down the computer or close the screen.
6. The student may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons on campus. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without the express permission of a teacher.
7. The student should only use their device to access relevant files.
8. The student will use the district's secured wireless network. Use of 3G & 4G wireless connections is not allowed.

DETACH AND RETURN TO Mrs. Gain, the Library Media Specialist. RETAIN THE INFORMATION ABOVE.

Student's name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent's name _____

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action. As a parent I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above policy and guidelines. I have read and discussed them with her/him and they understand the responsibility they have in the use of their personal device.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date