

RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE

We Are a Bring Your Own Device School

For most students today, using technology in their personal lives is second nature. Again this year, through Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), River East Collegiate invites students in grades 9 to 12, under their teachers' direction, to use that technology in their classrooms where combined with effective teaching practices, it will extend and enhance their learning. Personally-owned devices are a way for students to take what they use in their daily lives and make it a normal part of their classroom experience. BYOD optimizes the advantage of students' ownership of - and readiness to use - personal technology devices to learn, communicate and collaborate in school. It increases students desire to learn beyond the school day, while using it responsibly and appropriately.

What devices will be allowed? Students can bring their smartphone, iPad, tablet, netbook, or laptop to use in class. The device must be able to connect to the internet and have the ability to access RETSD-supported cloud storage and collaboration tools such as Office 365. A best-case device would have a keyboard, a touch screen and stylus that can connect to wifi. Each product has different features so look for a device that best fits your child's needs and your budget.

What if my son/daughter doesn't have a device? Should I buy them one? The school does not expect students to have their own device and you are under no obligation to purchase one. The decision is yours as a parent to make.

Why is using technology in the classroom important? While not every lesson will incorporate the use of technology, teachers know that if used the right way, it can be a powerful tool for extending and enriching learning. The increased number of devices in a classroom can enhance opportunities for students to access a global library of content, resources and experts; research world events and topics in real time; communicate effectively and work collaboratively with peers and teachers; share ideas, opinions and arguments in creative ways; personalize their learning; achieve digital citizenship; and experience equitable learning opportunities, especially for students with special needs.

What happens if there are students in class who don't have a device? BYOD will not require every student to have a device. While there will be limited access to school-owned devices for students who don't own one, it's important to note lessons will never be structured in a way that relies on every student having a device in class or at home. Lessons will be planned so that students using school devices will not need to take them home.

What if my daughter/son loses or damages their device at school? Students will be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal devices, just as they are for any other personal items they bring to school. The division is not responsible for any additional costs students may incur.

What rules will be in place regarding the use of personal devices? Digital citizenship is an important part of BYOD. Students will be given guidelines for using their personal devices and will be expected to adhere to RETSD's Code of Conduct. (The Code of Conduct can be found on the division website at [Your RETSD>Policies.](#))

Student Guidelines for Personal Devices at River East Collegiate

We know that as students, many of you use electronic devices in a variety of ways every day in your personal life. With Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), you have the opportunity to use your personal device in class to extend your learning in new and exciting ways.

The right to use your own device at school comes with certain responsibilities. Please read the guidelines and expectations carefully; they must be followed if BYOD is to be a success in RETSD and in your learning:

1. Use your device in a responsible manner that supports your learning. Adhere to the River East Transcona School Division Code of Conduct and follow Policy IJND - Computer Technology Use when using your device.
2. Only use your device in the classroom for educational purposes as directed by your classroom teacher.
3. Log on to the appropriate RETSD wireless network using your active directory credentials (with the understanding the RETSD network is monitored and filtered) when using your device at school.
4. Don't use the division's network to access, store, and/or distribute any material of an offensive, obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory nature.
5. Use sound judgement as a digital citizen when accessing Internet resources and notify a teacher immediately if you come across content that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.
6. Ask permission from your teacher and the subject first before taking videos, photos and/or audio recordings.
7. Keep your personal information private (e.g. passwords, user names, addresses and phone numbers).
8. Use your electronic resources in a responsible manner that doesn't damage the division's computer systems, data or networks.
9. Take care of your device and store it safely. You are solely responsible if it is lost, stolen or damaged.
10. Understand RETSD is not responsible for any additional data costs you incur. Any additional charges will be your responsibility.
11. Be aware RETSD won't provide technical support required for your device to be used effectively at school.
12. Ensure your device is fully charged each night and can connect to the Internet. Charging stations won't be available for you at your school.