



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Friends Christian Middle School is continuing its Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative in 7th and 8th grade this school year. Students in Grade 7 and 8 will be required to bring a Chromebook to use for educational purposes. Students in Grade 6 may bring their own Chromebook or borrow a school-owned Chromebook for the school year. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

Educational Activities

Student devices will be used to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organization. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analyzing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

Digital Citizenship

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

Safe and Secure

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students. They will not be permitted to use any other Internet connection while on campus. As well, students will only be able to use their device under the direct supervision of their teacher. Any unauthorized use can result in the device being confiscated, searched, and privileges being revoked. Please note there is no change to the phone usage policy.

Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, Friends Christian School is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

Technical Support

Resources will be provided to help students connect their device to the school network. Your child must be familiar with how to use their device. Teachers will incorporate the use of your child's device into learning. However, they will not provide technical support.

We look forward to the educational opportunities that BYOD will bring. To learn more:

- Review the [Electronic Device Policy](#) with your child.
- Refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) sheet.

Please sign the [Parent & Student Agreement Form](#).

Students in 6th Grade who will borrow a school-owned Chromebook, please sign the [Device Loan Agreement Form](#) upon pick-up of the device.

Sincerely,

Joy Swift