

Sheboygan Falls Schools BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Teacher Guide

PURPOSE

Sheboygan Falls School District is committed to moving students and staff forward in a 21st century learning environment. As part of this plan, SFSD will now allow high school students and all staff to access the SFSD-BYOD wireless network using their own technology devices (laptops, Smart Phones, iPads etc.) during the learning day. With classroom teacher approval, students may use their devices in the classroom to access and save information from the Internet, communicate with other learners and use the productivity tools loaded on their devices.

PLAN

Beginning November 1 of 2012, students may bring their own technology devices to school. Users will be prompted to accept the following terms of use prior to each attempt at connecting to the SFSD-BYOD network:

Authorized Users Only
Welcome to the Sheboygan Falls School District's BYOD network. All use of this wireless network is monitored and subject to disclosure to outside parties.
Please enter your credentials below to continue. By entering your credentials you are accepting the terms of service and understand that all aspects of the district AUP and Board Policies apply.

STUDENTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS NETWORK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SFSD STAFF ONLY. ANY OTHER USE OF THIS NETWORK IS PROHIBITED AND MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Staff who do not accept the terms of service will not be able to access the SFSD Network. The terms of service prompt will post each time an outside user attempts to use this network. Once on the SFSD-BYOD network, all users will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-STAFF

What are the Hardware and Software Considerations?

Due to the fact that we have Citrix running on our network the device students and staff does not need to be of the highest quality. The device will need to have wireless capability. You are not required to have antivirus software as our network is designed to protect devices from viruses.

What types of computing devices may I bring to school?

1. Laptops
2. Netbooks
3. Tablets (ex: iPads, Kindle Fire, Nexus 7)
4. e-Readers (ex: Kindles, Nooks)
5. cell phones/smartphones

Do I, as the teacher, have the choice when students can use their technology devices?

Answer: Students may use technology at the discretion of the teacher.

Some of my students cannot access the network on their laptops or phones. I don't have time in a class period to help them with this. Should I put in a help request or call the help desk?

Answer: No, students who cannot access the SFSD-BYOD wireless network, or who may have technical issues with their technology tool, need to take care of this issue out of the classroom by working with their user's manual that came with the device. These are not SFSD devices, and the district is not allocating resources at this time to troubleshoot issues. You are welcome to help if you choose, but it is not a staff member's responsibility to ensure that student owned technology is functioning properly.

I have students on my campus who are accessing the Internet using their provider's data plan (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon etc.) on their smart phones or laptops, hence bypassing the filter. Is this a violation of the student AUP?

Answer: This is not an AUP violation because the student is not bypassing the filter on the SFSD network, but instead using a provider's data plan. However, students are expected to use the district's wireless network to access the Internet for school purposes only and should be directed to do so if you notice them using a private network.

Is there any risk to my device?

The SFSD-BYOD wireless network screens data for viruses so there is no risk from our network to your device.

I have my own laptop and a smart phone. I would like to utilize these tools at work. Does this new plan include campus staff?

Answer: Yes. Campus staff can also access the SFSD-BYOD wireless network. Campus printers will not be accessible with your own devices. Most laptops or other personal devices (smart phones) will detect a wireless connection when you are near one (wireless must be turned on). Choose to connect to the network. Open your Internet browser (IE, Chrome, or Firefox) and navigate to the school web page. You will get a certificate alert. Choose to "Proceed Anyway". A login screen will appear. Enter your school login information.

One of my students was using his laptop to bully another student on campus. Should I call the technology office concerning this problem?

Answer: No. Any disciplinary infractions that occur from using technology tools should be referred to a building administrator. This would be a student code of conduct issue.

Will students have access to software packages via the SFSD-BYOD wireless network ?

Answer: Students will have access to software on their device. They may also use Citrix to access district software. They will not have access to other software due to license limitations.

Should I call the office if one of my student's laptops is damaged or stolen?

Answer: Any theft issues should be handled as you normally would with any other item. SFSD is not responsible for any damage or theft of student owned technology tools. It would be good to remind students to keep a record of the device's serial number just in case a theft occurs.

Does Sheboygan Falls Schools suggest any other considerations?

It may be wise to acquire theft or hazard insurance.

If purchasing a new computing device for use at school, we recommend purchasing the extended warranty.

Will I need to have a signed Acceptable Use Policy on file?

Yes. In order for the Sheboygan Falls School District to supervise use of the computer network and the Internet, the Acceptable Use Policy must be read and the Staff Acceptable Use Policy form must be signed.

Will I be able to print documents from their personal computing devices?

Staff will not be able to access printers through their personal device.