

BYOD 1:1 Technology FAQ

Question: What does being a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), one to one (1:1) school mean?

Answer: Being a BYOD, 1:1 campus means that every student brings a personal digital device for use throughout the school day. If all students have access to a device, learning opportunities are broader.

Question: Why make this change?

Answer: This curriculum change will be better for our students and our teachers. Many of our students already have devices that they use daily. With technology in the hands of each student, teachers can more effectively develop critical thinking skills, while at the same time teach students appropriate educational uses of 21st century tools.

Question: How will next year be different from this year?

Answer: Students will continue to use electronic devices for educational purposes, but now they will be able to stay in the classroom instead of having to fight for space in the library or computer lab. It will be different because all students will have an electronic device and some classes will be piloting a Learning Management system.

Question: Can the school's Wi-Fi support every student's device at once?

Answer: Yes. The Wi-Fi is being updated during the summer of 2015 to accommodate the increase of devices and users.

Question: I want to buy my son or daughter a device for next year. What is recommended?

Answer: These are the very basic specifications needed for a laptop. We recommend getting a laptop, tablets will work, but not as well as a laptop. A dual core processor, 2Gb ram, 320Gb hard drive, Wi-Fi capabilities. The device should have word processing capabilities.

Question: What if my son or daughter does not have a device?

Answer: Please contact Mr. Bustle by calling the school office or email him at rbustle@hs-stm.org.

Question: Will my son or daughter be allowed to use his/her device throughout the whole school day?

Answer: Device use will always have to have an educational purpose. There will be times where students will always be allowed to use a device (such as note-taking), but there will be

other times when device use is not appropriate for the activity. The need for device use will be at teacher direction. Inappropriate use of technology will result in the confiscation of the device.

Question: How will teachers communicate homework assignments?

Answer: Teachers will still be using RenWeb as the main method of communicating homework assignments to parents and students. Teachers in those classes that are piloting LMS may also communicate with students through LMS, but will continue to use RenWeb.

Question: Will this mean my son or daughter won't have textbooks anymore?

Answer: No. Your students will still have and use textbooks this next year.

Question: Who do I ask if I have a question about our 1:1 program (its direction, our philosophy, specifics, etc).

Answer: If you have any questions pertaining to the technology (infrastructure, recommended devices, etc), please can contact Mr. Pope by calling the school office or by emailing him at mpope@hs-stm.org. If you have any questions pertaining to technology use in the classroom (LMS, acceptable use guidelines, curriculum, etc), please contact Mrs. Neitzel by calling the school office or emailing her at tneitzel@hs-stm.org.