

Tuscaloosa County School System Technology Acceptable Usage Agreement Form

Parents/Students:

As a key component of preparing our students to graduate college and career ready, the Tuscaloosa County Schools provides and encourages access and use of the most up-to-date technology available. With the multitude of resources students can access as part of that preparation, awareness of the benefits, as well as the dangers, of internet usage is important. Throughout the school year, students access a variety of computer applications and Internet Web-based programs, as well as testing services, as part of their academic requirements. Our system has implemented numerous safeguards to help technology usage remain positive and productive. Parents have the option to limit their child's access to technology resources or the Internet if it is not part of classroom instruction by checking the boxes provided below. If you have any specific questions regarding the policy, please contact the administrators at your school.

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, the TCSS allows students to bring their own technology (B.Y.O.D.) as per their school's procedures and rules. Access to B.Y.O.D. Wi-Fi is controlled by the district. At times it may be necessary to disable it without prior notice in order to prevent network bandwidth saturation or facilitate special situations such as student testing. Students may be required to register their devices and/or use district-provided login accounts in order to access the wireless network services.

Definition of "Technology"

For purposes of BYOD, "Device/Technology" refers to privately-owned wireless and/or portable electronic devices or handheld equipment that includes, but is not limited to, the following: existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies; portable internet devices, laptop computer, tablets, slates or E-Readers such as iPad, Nook, Amazon Fire, Android Device, etc. and/or handheld entertainment systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, video/image/sound capture/recording, or document storage devices.

Security and Damage

Responsibility to keep devices secure rests with the individual owner. **The Tuscaloosa County School System, nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any personal device stolen or damaged on campus.**

Internet

The Internet gateway provided by the school district should be accessed while on campus. As required by district policy and Federal guidelines, students must access only campus Wi-Fi and refrain from using devices with access to data plans, e.g., 3G/4G/LTE or mobile hotspot, etc. mode while at school.

The use of technology to provide educational material is a privilege, not a necessity. At no time will a student be required to bring his or her own technology to school to complete assignments.

Photos

From time to time, your child's school or the district may wish to publish examples of student projects, quotes, photographs, student recognitions, and/or video that includes your child on the Tuscaloosa County School System web pages, in publications authorized by school officials, or on Tuscaloosa County local school's TV channels. Pictures or video posted on the Tuscaloosa County School System web sites or in publications authorized by the school or district may include but are not limited to students involved in projects, students in large groups, or when students receive recognition. Selected school materials published on the web could include but are not limited to art work, written papers, videos, and/or class projects.

Students:

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms in the Tuscaloosa County School System Technology Usage Policy as outlined in the Tuscaloosa County School System Policy Manual. I further understand that as a student in the Tuscaloosa County School System, I am responsible for appropriate behavior when using any Tuscaloosa County School System technology resource or any personal technology resource if allowed on campus.

I understand that any or all of the following disciplinary actions could be imposed if I break any of the rules in the policy:

1. Loss of access to any technology resources such as but not limited to computers, printers, the Internet, and/or video equipment;
2. Additional disciplinary action deemed appropriate at a specific school by school staff and/or legal action when applicable.

As a student of the Tuscaloosa County School System, I understand and agree to comply with the Technology Usage Policy.

(Sign Here) _____

Parent/Guardian

- Please limit my child's use of computer and Internet resources outside of their instructional requirements while at school, according to the rules outlined in the Tuscaloosa County School System Technology Acceptable Usage Policy.
_____ Yes _____ No
- My child's picture (including those in video format) may be published on Tuscaloosa County School System web pages, other district/school licensed sites, and/or district or school TV channels as outlined above. _____ Yes _____ No
- My child's full name may be published on the Internet, in publications authorized by school officials, and/or on school and district TV channels. _____ Yes _____ No
- My child's selected school materials may be published on the Internet, in authorized publications, and/or on school and district TV channels. _____ Yes _____ No
- My child may bring his/her own personal electronic device (BYOD Bring Your Own Device) and use it in school as per the conditions outlined within the policy or local school rules. As the parent, I understand that this is not a requirement of the school system and the Tuscaloosa County School System and its board and employees are not responsible or liable for any loss or damage of such property or any legal action that may arise of any misuse of this equipment.
_____ Yes _____ No

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____