

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Guardians

Q: Am I required to supply a device for my child?

A: No, participation in the BYOD initiative is completely voluntary. Lee County Schools will continue to supply devices to students.

Q: Should I go out and purchase a laptop or tablet for my child?

A: You should first consult your child's educators to determine how frequently devices will be used. No student will need a personally-owned device to get the full benefit of Lee County Schools educational experiences.

Q: Do I need to buy certain software for my child's device?

A: No specific software will be required by classroom educators. Educators will attempt to have students leverage whatever software they may have available on the device; if needed software is not available, a Lee County Schools issued device with software can be substituted. Students are encouraged to have protection software if their devices are susceptible to malware, but Lee County Schools cannot provide recommendations for specific software, nor will Lee County Schools be held liable for charges for such software.

Q: When can my child use his or her device at school?

A: Each classroom educator has the discretion to allow or disallow any device during any part of the class session. You can consult your child's educators for general rules of thumb. Use of devices outside of class sessions (such as during class changes or lunch) are at the discretion of the school administrators.

Q: What happens if my child runs up cellular network charges while use a device in school?

A: Lee County Schools provides a Wi-Fi network that is free for students to use a benefit of their participation in the BYOD initiative. Students should not use their own cellular networks/data plans while at school, and Lee County Schools is not liable for any charges that accrue if they do so.

Q: What about Internet filtering? Can my child accidentally access websites that are not appropriate for school?

A: The Lee County Schools network is filtered per the Federal government's [CIPA guidelines](#). All reasonable precautions are taken to block access to categories of content that may violate CIPA. However, no filtering system is perfect and therefore students may inadvertently visit sites with inappropriate content. If that occurs, students should inform their classroom educators.

Q: Is it possible for my child to perform all their work and turn in all their assignments using his or her device?

A: No, it is not. Much of the students work assigned will be done by hand or using tools not available on many mobile devices. In some cases, the classroom educator may have a system for handing out and accepting work electronically, but that will vary by school, by educator, and by assignment.

Q: What about my child texting and sending e-mail?

A: Communication by students such as texting and e-mail may in fact be allowed or disallowed depending on the nature of the work going on in a classroom. The educator will make clear to all students when such use is appropriate and when it is not.

Q: May I text, e-mail, or call my child during school hours?

A: Communications to students such as text messaging, e-mail, and phone calls frequently disturb the learning environment of the classroom. Please refrain from contacting your child in those manners during instructional time. Emergency contacts can always be made through the school office.

Q: Can my child take his or her e-reader to school to read during the day?

A: E-readers such as Kindles and Nooks are allowed under the BYOD initiative (assuming the BYOD Agreement Form has been signed and returned.) The times and situations during which they can be used for casual, self-selected readings are determined by individual classroom educators. You can speak with your child's educators for recommendations on e-reader use in school.

Technical- Networks

Devices that need network access and devices that do not

The BYOD initiative applies to both devices that need wireless network access and devices that do not. For example, a Kindle e-reader that already has books loaded would not need wireless network access, but the guidelines with respect to appropriate use, charging, loss, etc. still apply. Devices that need wireless network access will have a network available as outlined below.

Lee County Schools vs. non-Lee County Schools networks

Student devices shall be permitted to connect to the Lee County Schools network that is provided by LCS when students are directed to use their devices for education purposes under the supervision of the classroom educator. Student devices may already have access to non-Lee County Schools networks such as 3G/4G mobile phone networks. Such networks shall not be accessed by students when their devices are being used for educational purposes under the supervision of the classroom educator- all educational use should flow through the LCS network. Lee County Schools will not be held responsible for content viewed or charged accrued on student devices via non-LCS networks and student may face disciplinary actions for accessing such networks inappropriately.

Filtering

The wireless network provided by LCS for student devices filters content under the federal guidelines outlined in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Per that law, material considered a) obscene, b) child pornography, c) harmful to minors fall under the blocked category consistent with the network filtering LCS provides to LCS-owned devices. Additionally, material considered to be harmful to network security such as websites that spread viruses or other malware are blocked. However, no filtering system is perfect and therefore if students find sites containing CIPA-inappropriate content they should inform their classroom educators.

Technical- Connecting, Charging and Software

Connecting to Lee County Schools devices

Student devices are not permitted to connect to Lee County Schools computers either via cables or wirelessly such as for syncing, charging, or sharing of media.

Charging

Students should ensure that their devices are charged prior to bringing them to school. Students shall not attempt to charge their devices in Lee County Schools buildings. Attempts to do so would raise issues related to electrical circuit overloads, fire safety, and safety of physical movement in common spaces.

Software Installation

While educators may recommend certain software for student use, including apps for mobile devices, no educator shall require the use of specific software on student devices. Additionally, no Lee County Schools staff member will install or provide licensing codes for software for student devices. Lee County Schools and its staff members shall not be responsible for any negative consequences to student devices caused by running specific software.

Technical- How to Connect to the Lee County Schools Wireless Network

The following are steps to take for connecting common operating systems/devices to the Lee County Schools network. However, in all cases a device's MAC address must first be supplied to school personnel and then registered on the network. This is done via the BYOD Agreement Form.

iOS

Under Settings, select Wi-Fi. Select the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID. The device will then attempt to connect. No username or password will be required.

Android

Under Settings, select Wireless controls or Wireless & Networks and then Wi-Fi Settings. Select the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID. The device will then attempt to connect.

Mac OS X

Click the Wi-Fi icon in the upper right and select the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID. The device will then attempt to connect.

Windows 7 / Vista

Click the Wi-Fi icon in the system tray and select the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID. The device will then attempt to connect.

Windows XP

Right-click on the Wi-Fi icon in the system tray and then select View Available Wireless Networks. Click on the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID then Connect. The device will then attempt to connect.

E-Readers / Other Tablets

E-readers may or may not be compatible with Lee County Schools wireless network. Under the network settings of the particular device, select the appropriate Lee County Schools SSID as the network and attempt to connect.