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Statement of Purpose

As technology continues to advance, the Narragansett School Committee recognizes the importance of increasing student access to new technology to improve classroom instruction and increase academic and technical achievement. In support of this objective, the Narragansett School System is implementing a BYOD policy. The purpose of this policy is to grant access for students to connect personal devices to Wi-Fi network. No student will be left out of instructional activities for lack of having a personal device.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy is intended to protect the security and integrity of Narragansett School System's data and technology infrastructure. It is also designed to protect the student and support the use of the device solely for educational purposes. Narragansett School System reserves the right to revoke this privilege if users do not abide by the terms outlined in this policy.

Risks/Liabilities/Disclaimers

Responsibility of device security rests with the individual owner.

- a) Narragansett School System is not liable for any device lost, stolen, damaged or broken on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations;
- b) The school reserves the right to disconnect devices or disable services without notification;
- c) The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection;
- d) The student is expected to use the device in an ethical manner at all times and adhere to the school's acceptable use policy;
- e) The student is personally liable for all costs associated with the device;
- f) The student assumes full liability for risks including, but not limited to, the partial or complete loss of school and personal data due to an operating system crash, errors, bugs, viruses, malware, and/or other software or hardware failures, or programming errors that render the device unusable; and the
- g) Narragansett School System reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action for non-compliance with this policy.

Acceptable Use

Under the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy, acceptable use is defined as activities that directly or indirectly support academics and technical instruction within the school setting.

Student networks are filtered based on district policy that blocks categories including but not limited to: pornography, gambling, gaming, obscene/offensive and other specific sites that are inappropriate. The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

When the device is off site of the Narragansett School System, district based filtering of the internet is not taking place and is the responsibility of the student and/or parent or guardian.

The Following rules apply to device usage:

- a) The device must be in silent mode when it is not being used for educational purposes while on school campus and while riding the school bus;
- b) The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and will not attempt to bypass them;
- c) The student understands that any malicious action with regards to infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program with the intent to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary action;
- d) Camera and/or video capabilities are not disabled while on-site, but students must only use these when required by their teacher;
- e) Devices may not be used at any time to: store or transmit illicit materials; harass others; engage in inappropriate or disruptive activity; or record audio, video or photographic images without the subject's permission in any area of the school or grounds.
- f) All aspects of the Narragansett School System Acceptable Use Policy, which are kept on file and all students have signed, are in effect while using the BYOD model;
- g) Teachers have the ultimate authority on when and how devices can be used in their classrooms;
- h) Narragansett School System has a zero-tolerance policy for texting, emailing, picture taking or using other technologies while taking assessments. The Academic Honesty policy in the Narragansett School System Student Handbooks applies.

Devices and Support

Permissible devices allowed include, but are not limited to: Smartphones, Tablets and Laptops. The use of portable entertainment or gaming systems such as Nintendo DS or PlayStation Vita or the like are not permissible to use as a BYOD solution for the classroom.

Connectivity issues are supported by District IT staff; students should contact the device manufacturer or their carrier for operating system, software, or hardware-related issues. Narragansett School System is not responsible for the repair of student devices and cannot troubleshoot individual device issues. Devices must be presented to District IT staff for proper inspection of security before they can access the network.

Reimbursement

The Narragansett School System will not reimburse the student for the cost of the device or any damage done to the device while on or off school grounds and will not reimburse the student for any charges from the device carrier.

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**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL SYSTEM
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY**

Students and Parents / Guardians must agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this policy in order to be able to connect their devices to the school network. The policy is intended to ensure that all devices will be used for school related work only. All BYOD policies must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian and returned to the schools.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this policy in order to be able to connect my BYOD to the school network.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Email: _____