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**Jefferson City Public Schools**

**Program Waiver Form**

Dear Parent (s),

The Jefferson City Public School district is committed to preparing our students to meet the challenges and benefits of technologies as they continue to change the world in which we live. We understand and embrace the many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction using these technologies. Therefore, we have decided to implement Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at our schools. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences in classrooms identified for this program. This document is a contract which we will adhere to as we establish this new program within our schools. Please note that students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school’s equipment. **No student will be left out of our instruction.**

**Definition of “Device**”

For purposes of BYOD, “Device” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access,

image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. Each classroom participating in this program will outline any specific technology identified for instructional purposes allowed for use.

**Internet**

Only the internet gateway provided by the school through our “Guest” network may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time. Devices brought for BYOD purposes will only be eligible to connect to our Guest network services in identified areas, as is coordinated through those specific teachers for their instructional purposes.

**Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. JCPS is not liable for any device stolen or damaged. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

**BYOD Student Agreement**

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. Unauthorized use of an electronic device (laptop, cell phone or other) while at school may result in disciplinary action. This is board policy. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to all Board policies. Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

* The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
* The technology must be in turned off while on school campuses outside of identified participating classrooms and while riding school buses.
* The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.
* The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum, as identified for the participating teacher.
* The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the computer or close the screen.
* The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to connections to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
* The student understands that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the school’s acceptable usage policy for technology and will result in disciplinary actions.
* The student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the acceptable usage policy for technology and will result in disciplinary actions.
* 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.
* The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or laptop privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

**Student Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_