

LANGSTON HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT MOBILE DEVICES – WEBSITE POST

Personally Owned Computing Devices at LHMS

The Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Information Technology has recommended to principals that students be allowed to bring their personally-owned computing devices to school for use in the classroom as an instructional tool. Approved personally-owned computing devices, at this time, include laptops, netbooks, tablets (such as iPad, Xoom, etc.), and e-readers (Kindle, Nook, etc.) that have Wi-Fi capability. Smartphones are not currently covered under our school policy.

Langston Hughes Middle School agrees that these devices can enhance the instructional program, and will allow students to use such devices, with teacher permission, in the classroom.

- The devices must be equipped with virus protection software that is up-to-date.
- Students are responsible for the security of the device. Teachers and other staff will not store or hold onto devices. School technology support or teachers will not support, repair or troubleshoot student devices.
- Students should fully charge the device prior to bringing it to school as the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge the device during the school day.
- Students should only bring personal devices for a specific use in classes where the teacher has permitted them. Devices are not to be used in open areas (hallways, cafeteria, etc.)

Please click on the links below for the detailed FCPS policy and permission form, and see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below:

- [FCPS Guidelines & Permission Form](#)
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Process for students who wish to bring in their personal computing devices:

- Parents and students print, carefully read and fill out the following document:
 - [FCPS Guidelines & Permission Form](#)
 - If students are unsure how to obtain their Mac Address, they can do a Google search for "How to find a Mac Address for my (type your device name here)" or visit the website of the manufacture of your device and do a search for "Mac Address."

- Check-in process:
 - Students bring the signed form (page 3 only) into school along with their devices
 - The initial check-in process will take place January 17-20 & January 23-27 during Connections time (10:35-11:10) with Mr. Bunney, the Technology Specialist, in room 147B. There will be a sign-up list in the Main Office for students to make an appointment to register their device.
 - Any student who has not had the opportunity to register their device by January 27th will be able to make an appointment with Mr. Bunney to check-in during Connections. Depending on the level of interest, we may designate a day during the week when students come to check in devices.
- Once the devices have been registered, they will be given a sticker so that teachers know the devices have been checked in.

More Information

- It is important to remember that only devices with an “FCPS APPROVED” sticker may be used in the classroom with teacher permission. Devices in use by students that have not been approved or are in use outside the classroom fall under the Student Rights & Responsibilities regulation and are subject to confiscation and will be returned to the parent.
- Finally, students are bound to and must comply with Regulation 6410, *Appropriate Use of Fairfax County Public Schools’ Network and Internet Resources*, Regulation 2601, *Student Rights and Responsibilities*, Regulation 6401, *Student Use of FCPS Network and Internet Resources*, and DIT Technical Bulletin 302, *Use of Privately Owned Computing Devices on FCPS Networks*, while on FCPS property or while involved in any FCPS sponsored event/activity, or when using FCPS resources, regardless of who owns the computer or device used by student or how it is connected.

If you have any questions about the process or type of allowed device, please contact:

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Links:

- **Regulation 6410** - Appropriate Use of Fairfax County Public Schools' Network and Internet Resources
 - **Regulation 2601** - Students Rights and Responsibilities
 - **Regulation 6401** - Student Use of FCPS Network and Internet Resources
 - **DIT Tech Bulletin 302**
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FAQs:

Do teachers have to allow student use of personal devices in their classrooms?

- The use of personally owned devices in the classroom is at the teacher's discretion, so students should only bring personal devices to school if a teacher has permitted them to bring it for an instructional purpose.

Can students use devices in between classes?

- Student use of devices is not permitted in the hallways or cafeteria during the school day. If students are using devices before or after school, it should be under the supervision of a faculty member.

What about Smartphones (iPhones, Android, etc.)?

- Hughes Middle School will only be approving devices such as laptops, netbooks, or tablets for use in the building. Students should not use their cell phones and Smartphones in the building.

What about the security of personally-owned devices?

- Students are responsible for their own devices while they are in the building. The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged devices. Information about this can be found within the FCPS Guidelines.

What if a student has difficulty using their device?

- Hughes Middle School is not responsible for troubleshooting any personally owned devices. Students who want to use their devices should have a basic understanding of how to operate them.