

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction.

Definition of "Mobile Learning Devices (MLD)"

As defined in the Mobile Learning Devices policy, Mobile Learning Devices (MLD) may include but are not limited to computers, portable game units, graphing calculators, tablets, E-readers, iDevices, pagers, hand-held radios, and similar electronic devices. For purposes of this agreement, MLDs can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school 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.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS) assumes no responsibility or liability for loss, theft, damage or destruction of any MLD. 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.

Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Under no circumstances are students permitted to use MLDs on QACPS property or QACPS sponsored activities or events in order to transmit any text or images that are obscene, pornographic, illegal, profane, violate academic policies, or invade another's privacy. This includes "sexting" (the sharing of explicit or otherwise sexually provocative photos). This also includes the possession of inappropriate digital content.

Students and parents/guardians participating in the use of personal MLDs on school premises must adhere to Board policies, particularly the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy, Mobile Learning Device Policy, and Disciplinary Policy. Additionally, MLDs:

- Must be turned off and out of sight during the regular instructional day. MLDs may be used during instructional activities within a classroom only if the instructor has given permission. Once the instructional activity is completed all personal MLDs must be turned off.
- May during regular bus transportation to and from school, only with the permission of the bus driver.
- May only be used with the permission of the activity's sponsor if the student is participating in an after school academic activity.

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on School Premises**

- May be used with the sponsor's permission, if traveling to or from a school sponsored activity via bus.
- May be used during bus transportation to and from athletic events or other school sponsored events, only with the permission of the athletic coach or principal designee.
- May only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.
- May not be left on school grounds before or after school hours.

Students acknowledge that:

- They have read the Acceptable Use Policy and have a signed receipt on file.
- They will immediately comply with teachers' request to shut down devices or close the screen.
- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempt will not be made to bypass them.
- 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 Board Policy.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of Board Policy.
- The school district has the right to inspect any personal MLD for the purpose of ensuring network stability and adherence to the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, another media device, or through an application on the internet (i.e. Google Docs, Dropbox).
- Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.
- Personal MLDs are charged prior to bringing it to school and run off its own battery while at school.

I understand and will abide by the above guidelines and procedures. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of the privilege as well as other disciplinary action.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

This application is only good until the end of the school year and will need to be renewed on a yearly basis.

For School Use Only

Application: Approved Denied

Signature of Principal/Supervisor: _____ Date: _____