

Long Valley Middle School's



Bring Your Own Device Handbook

The “Bring Your Own Device” program is being implemented at Long Valley Middle School! This means that students and staff are allowed to bring personal electronic devices to school to utilize for **educational purposes**. Students and staff **must** connect their devices to the **WTS_Student Wifi Network**. The WTSchools’s content filtering is compliant with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. For more information on CIPA, click [here](#).

What will Individual Devices be Used for?

Personal devices can be used for a variety of instructional purposes: Research for reports, projects, note-taking, reading books, as student response devices (to answer questions in class), and for educational practice or games.

Guidelines for Student Use of Personal Devices:

- All personal devices must remain turned off while students are in class, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes.
- Students who use personal electronic devices while on school property must abide by the district’s [Acceptable Use Policy](#). Please click on the link for specific information. Students who fail to apply by the guidelines and expectations of the school policy will be disciplined accordingly.
- If a student utilizes a personal electronic device inappropriately during the school day, the device may be confiscated. District employees may confiscate any electronic device if it is clearly not being used as an educational device in the classroom, and its use is not directed as such by the teacher.
- Students must use the content-filtered **WTS_Student Wifi Network** on personal devices when on school property. Students are not to circumvent the district-filtered sites by using personal data connections (i.e. 3G/4G connections) from a cellular provider. This is a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy, and students will be disciplined accordingly.
- While the school is not held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices, if such should occur, students will be disciplined in accordance with the code of conduct and expectations for student behavior.

District Responsibilities:

The Washington Township School District is responsible for the regular update of its filters on the District Network. While it is impossible to filter ALL inappropriate material, the district works regularly to manage and update this screening.

The Washington Township School District holds no responsibility of any kind for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices, including loss of data resulting from service interruptions, negligence, user errors, omissions, or confiscation by staff members. The district is not obligated to supply technical support, power access, printing, or internal district resources. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's risk. If a student incurs any issues with their device, the district is not responsible for troubleshooting. The student may use a district device in the meantime.

It is not mandatory for students to bring their own device, even if they do own one. When electronic devices are utilized to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to appropriate district-owned equipment.