

North Attleborough Public Schools
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

The use of personal devices on the NAPS network is permitted only on specially designated networks. When a student, or employee connects a personal computing device (including, but not limited to, laptops, flash drives, and cell phones) to a NAPS network, they are agreeing to the requirements contained in the Acceptable Use Policy for Students or Staff and should consider his/her personal device subject to the same levels of monitoring and access as any NAPS device. Your access to the network may be blocked, suspended, monitored, or terminated at any time for any reason. The network access is provided "as is" without warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied.

Digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship is a concept which helps teachers, technology leaders and parents to understand what students/children/technology users should know to use technology appropriately. Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool; it is a way to prepare students/technology users for a society full of technology. **Digital citizenship is the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use.** Too often we are seeing students as well as adults misusing and abusing technology but not sure what to do. The issue is more than what the users do not know but what is considered appropriate technology usage.

Acceptable Devices

Computers

Any laptop or tablet will work on our network and is acceptable. As long as the device has a working web browser students will be able to access the tools they need. Windows based, Apple, or Chromebook operating systems should work without issue.

Mobile Devices

Mobile devices, such as Tablets, iPads, iPods, smart phones and other devices will work on the network. Please remember that the use of these devices, as with any personally owned device, is strictly up to the teacher.

Which should I bring?

We believe this depends on the classes you have and the projects you are working on. Mobile devices are great because they are small, easy to carry, and have access to many of the online applications you will be using. They are great for researching, planning, and collaborating. They are not great for creating new products. Though laptops and netbooks are heavier to carry around, they allow you to be more productive in situations where you will be creating documents, movies, or other digital media. We suggest working with your teachers to determine what technology will best enable you to be successful.

BYOD Guidelines

Electronic Devices

Use of certain electronic devices is permitted in North Attleborough Public Schools as described below. Electronic devices are classified as **disruptive**, **non-disruptive**, and **mobile phone** devices. Permissibility of each type of electronic device is described as follows:

Disruptive Electronic Devices

1. Recording devices, radios, pagers, laser pointers, and other electronic devices are deemed distracting to the educational environment. As such, these devices **are not permitted** in any area of North Attleborough Public Schools.
2. The misuse of permissible electronic devices in a manner distracting to other students or school personnel is not allowed. The misuse of electronic devices includes, but is not limited to:
 1. Use of any electronic device in a classroom or other area of school not authorized by school personnel.
 2. Violation of the North Attleborough Public Schools' Acceptable Use Policy.
 3. Listening to video or audio without headphones or earbuds.
 4. Use of headphones/earbuds at a volume level where others can hear.

Non-disruptive Devices

1. Non-disruptive devices are defined as electronic devices primarily used for educational purposes.
2. The categories of non-disrupted devices are (a) laptops, (b) netbooks, (c) tablets, (d) eReaders, and (e) audio players (MP3 players).
3. These devices may be used:
 1. during classroom instruction and in the Library/Media as permitted and directed by school personnel.
 2. in structured learning periods and in the High School cafeteria as permitted and directed by school personnel.

Mobile Phones

1. Use of mobile phones for any voice or text communication **is not permitted** during school hours.
2. Mobile phones may be used as directed by school personnel. Otherwise, mobile phones **must** be turned off during school hours.
3. Mobile phones may possess advanced functions including Internet access, eReader, and video/audio functions. These functions may be used during structured learning periods and in the High School cafeteria. Use of these functions during classroom instruction is at the discretion of school personnel.

Consequences for inappropriate use of electronic devices

Violation of the appropriate use of electronic devices, as described above, (1) may result in detentions, Saturday detention, In School Suspension, or Out of School Suspension; and (2) student may be required to turn the device over to school personnel and the student and/or parent may be asked to pick up the device at the end of the school day.

Internet Connection

Wireless Internet connection will be provided by the North Attleborough Public Schools for students to connect their devices to the Internet. Students must have a completed Acceptable Use Policy signed and on file.

How to Connect

- Connect to the wireless network **NA-Guest**
- Open a browser window such as Google Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer
- Read the "Terms of Use" and click accept to continue
- You are connected

Lost or Damaged Device

North Attleborough Public Schools assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices to school at their own risk.

Transporting Devices

Use of bags and cases to transport electronic devices to and from school is encouraged. Students may use laptop bags to carry portable computers to and from class. However, the bags **may not** be used to carry books.