

Dear Parents/Guardians of Current 8th Grade Students,

We could not be more excited to announce the continuation of our netbook program for our incoming 9th graders. It has been our goal for all high school students to have a laptop for use in the classroom as well as at home. It is our plan for these students to keep their laptop throughout their high school years at Riverview.

The major goal of this initiative is to provide our students with a 21st Century learning environment both at home and in school. We have the opportunity and the responsibility to utilize research-based, technology-enabled practices to inspire and capture the imagination of our students. Riverview School District seeks to create a learning environment that fosters deeper cognitive development through inquiry, real and relevant project-based learning, and differentiated instruction – all supported by continuous access to digital technologies. Students will have the ability to work on projects and research both at school and at home providing them with the opportunity for Anytime Anywhere Learning.

We will be holding an informational meeting later this summer for this program. At the meeting, you will receive the contract that explains you and your child's responsibilities for the use and care of the netbook. In addition, a charge of \$75 is due at the time of distribution to defray the cost of accidental damage or theft. Be alert for more information about this meeting coming soon!

We also understand that many students may already have a device that they are more comfortable with and would not need a school-issued device. For grades 9-12 an internet capable device is required. Students and families may request to opt out of having a school-issued device and bring your own device (BYOD) to school, with the following stipulations:

- Device must be able to run Office 365.
- While a smart phone is acceptable for basic research and use as a remote connection device, they are not an acceptable substitute for the one to one program.
- Anti-virus and updates must be installed and maintained.
- The student takes full responsibility for his or her device and keeps it with himself or herself at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the device. It is recommended that students record the serial number of their device and keep that in a safe place and clearly mark the device for easy recognition.
- The students are expected to use the district's secured wireless network. Users shall have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send, delete, receive or display on or over the district's Internet including personal files. (Policy #815) **Use of 3G & 4G wireless networks is not allowed.**
- The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is a reason to believe that the student has violated the Acceptable Use Policy (Policy #815), administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device. (Policy #226)
- Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.
- The student must comply with teachers request to shut down the computer or close the screen. Failure to do so may result in loss of BYOD privileges and/or disciplinary action.
- The student may not use the devices to record, transmit, or post photos or video of a person or persons on campus. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without express permission of a building principal.
- The student device must be fully charged upon arrival at school because the school lacks adequate charging capabilities at this time.
- The district is not responsible for any technical issues with personal devices and students and parents should not have an expectation of support for their devices.

If you plan for your child to opt out of the one to one program AND instead choose to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) that satisfies the above stipulations, please complete the BYOD Agreement (Gr. 7-8) or Opt Out Form (Gr. 9-12)

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Eric Hewitt at ehewitt@rsd.k12.pa.us or 412-828-1800 x1022.