



WAMSUTTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Wamsutta Families:

As we have expanded and improved the technological infrastructure within WMS and continue to add Chromebooks to allow more students greater access to 21st century tools, we are continuing a program that we hope will allow even more access by leveraging the devices students already have at home to be used here for educational purposes.

Starting immediately, we will start to allow students to bring in their devices (BYOD or Bring your Own Device) from home and hook up to our network. A release form on the back of this letter will be distributed by homeroom teachers to all students that will enable them to use these devices at the teacher's discretion.

A few things to note if you wish to send in devices from home:

1. While phones and some tablets may be appropriate for research (consuming information), we have a strong preference for devices with full keyboards, as this allows for students to both write and collaborate more effectively.
2. We do not have the electrical capacity to charge many devices. Students should bring their device to school fully charged, then bring it home daily to charge it up.
3. Devices should be locked up in student lockers during the day. It will be the teacher's prerogative as to when the devices should be retrieved and used for class. This is the same policy we have for cell phones, and we hope you will assist us in helping students meet this expectation. Many students do not use locks on their lockers, and we strongly suggest that students who bring in devices should have a "lockable" locker.
4. A pair of earbuds would be helpful.
5. The devices should be used for educational purposes only, and failure to use it according to teacher directives could result in the loss of the privilege.
6. As stated in prior years, video or audio recording without the consent of the subject involved is not only against school rules, but against the law in Massachusetts. We will continue to remind students of this important law.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Connor, Principal

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Release Form

Student Name _____
Please print Teacher / Homeroom

Description and of the item to be released from liability:

The equipment, along with any additional technology brought to school by the student listed above, is not the property of Attleboro Public Schools/Wamsutta Middle School (APS/WMS), but is owned and used by the single student named above for teaching and learning purposes during school. By signing this form, the school and parents agree that this device may only be used at school to support specific teaching and learning processes.

This equipment may be used on school district grounds as long as it is being used for teaching and learning purposes or school-authorized activities. These devices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Notebook, netbook, or laptop computers
- eReaders and tablet devices (Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.)
- Other devices with computer interfaces.

Students may not connect their devices to APS/WMS network in an unapproved way or for activities other than those related to teaching and learning. Students and parents must be aware that accessing inappropriate materials while at school is subject to local school disciplinary action, including confiscation of the device. Appropriate and inappropriate uses of technology and related content are detailed in the district Acceptable Use Policy. APS/WMS is not responsible for any maintenance, damage, theft, usage or usage charges, or loss of this non-school-district equipment. Parents/Students using these devices are responsible for the maintenance, care, and protection of their personal equipment that they choose to bring to school. Through this document, parents and students agree that technology, regardless of ownership, will be used in a manner consistent with the district's Responsible Use Policy. The parents release all liability and indemnify Attleboro Public Schools/Wamsutta Middle School, its employees, and designees, from responsibility for this equipment. This permission is valid for the current school year only, and may be revoked by school officials at any time for improper use of the device, or other reasons.

(Parent / Guardian Signature)

(Signature APS Teacher)

(Print Parent/Guardian Name) (Date)

(Print APS Teacher Name) (Date)

(Student Signature) (Date)

(Print Student Name) (Date)

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