



Quail Hollow Middle School Technology Use Expectations

We are pleased to be able to offer Quail Hollow students the opportunity to use technology as a tool for learning through our Bring Your Own Technology Initiative. Students are responsible for securing their items throughout the day; therefore parents, please ensure that your child keeps their device password protected and if possible, the device locator on, to ensure technology is not misplaced throughout the building. Students are expected to be connected to the school's wireless network when personal technology is being used to ensure students cannot access inappropriate sites.

If technology is not being used for learning, we ask that when addressed by a QHMS staff member, the student put away the device. In the event that the student continues to misuse the item, the following process will take place and the parent will be asked to pick up the device at a later date.

Headphone Violation

The expectation is that students will only use headphones during the school day as a tool for learning. If the student is not meeting this expectation, the student will receive **one warning** to take the headphones out of/off his or her ears. Students are not permitted to wear headphones around their necks. If the student persists in wearing the headphones, the headphones will be confiscated by a staff member:

1st Offense: Student can pick up the item at the end of the school day from the teacher.

2nd Offense: Parent must pick up the item the following school day. The device will be to be turned in to the front office or grade level administrator.

3rd Offense: Parent must pick up the item after 3 school days.

4th Offense: Parent must pick up the item after 5 school days.

*Note: Confiscated items can be picked up from the front office between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

Device Violation

The expectation is that students will only use personal technology during the school day as a tool for learning. The student will receive **one warning** to put the device away/turn the sound off of the device/return to the directed assignment on the device/etc. If the student does not self-correct, consequences will be assigned:

1st Offense: Student loses the privilege to use the device in class. The student must turn off the device and put it away for the rest of class.

2nd Offense: Device confiscated by the teacher and returned at the end of the school day.

3rd Offense: Device confiscated and turned in to the front office or grade level administrator. The device can be picked up by the parent the following school day.

4th Offense: The parent must pick up the item after 3 school days and the student may not participate in BYOT until the team deems the student has earned the privilege back.

5th Offense: The parent must pick up the item after 5 school days and the student loses the privilege to participate in BYOT for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

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Phone Calls and Texts during the School Day

Many parents and guardians provide their children with cell phones to support child-parent communication. We understand this is important as many middle school students are at home alone before or after school while parents are working. For this reason and to ensure students have technology available when it is needed for learning purposes, we allow cell phones to be present at school. These phones must be silent and put away from the time students arrive at school until the time students leave school. All electronic devices, including phones, may be taken out during class only when directed by a teacher for learning purposes. In select situations, faculty or staff may also allow students to use personal cell phone to call parents. An example of this is if an athletic event is cancelled and athletes are given permission to use their cell phones to notify their parents. This policy is intended to ensure students are focused on learning at school. In addition, the Acceptable Use policy requires that student devices are connected to our school's guest wireless network (and not other services such as 3G or 4G).

This ensures students are using a filtered wireless network at school that complies with federal regulations and ensures students are blocked from accessing inappropriate content while at school. To support effective implementation of our school policies and to reduce the temptation for students to violate these policies, we ask that parents and guardians refrain from calling or texting their children on their children's cell phones during school hours. Furthermore, we ask that if your child texts you during the school day, we ask that you remind him or her of the school policy. If you need to relay a message to your child during school hours, please call the school at 980-343-3620.

Refusal to Relinquish an Item

If a student's device needs to be confiscated and the student refuses to relinquish the device, the student will receive consequences for insubordination and will lose the privilege to participate in BYOT.

Using a Device to Violate Another Rule

If the student uses his or her device to threaten or bully another student, the student may be in violation of Rule 8 or another rule in the CMS Code of Conduct. If the student uses his or her device to access inappropriate content such as pornography, the student may be in violation of Rule 22. Students will receive consequences for violating any rules. The student may lose his or her BYOT privileges.

*If a parent is unable or unwilling to pick up the item, the item will be returned to the student after 5 school days.