



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at Pierrefonds Community High School

FAQs

Q. Can a device be purchased directly from PCHS?

A. No. The aim of BYOD is to allow a range of different devices suitable for each student's personal use. Parents and students are free to pick the device that best suits them. Should a student be unable to purchase their own device, PCHS Chromebooks can be assigned and lent out for the school year upon request (with a safety deposit of \$50.00).

Q. What type of device is needed?

A. Devices which have *a screen and physical keyboard permanently attached*, such as Google Chromebooks, Windows Laptops, or Apple Macbooks. Cell phones are not accepted.

Q. How will students access the Internet?

A. Students will access the Internet through the LBPSB WiFi network. Students must log on with their own @lbpearson.ca GAFE username and password. User activity may, with justification, be monitored. Certain sites are already blocked.

Q. Where can students charge their device?

A. Students need to charge their device at home to ensure they are suitably prepared for the school day. Charging stations will be available at school for use during breaks and lunch time.

Q. Will the devices be safe in school?

A. PCHS cannot be responsible for devices in school. Students should keep their laptop with them during class time, lock them in their lockers when not in use, and keep them safely stowed away on the school bus. Parents are advised to document the serial number and insure the laptop for loss or damage in the unlikely event that an issue should occur.

Q. Will students use their devices in each lesson? For the entire lesson?

A. The actual use of devices will vary in each lesson and subject. Teachers will prompt students on when and how to use their device as required.

Q. Does PCHS provide technical support?

A. PCHS can attempt to provide basic connectivity support during scheduled "tech support office hours." Hardware issues will need to be fixed outside of school. In the event of a long-term issue that requires repair, a loan can be arranged.



PCHS BYOD Acceptable Use Policy

Guidelines for Students:

1. The student is fully responsible for their device at all times. Students should keep it with them during lesson time, lock it in their locker when not in use, and keep it safely stowed away on the school bus.
2. Approved devices must only be used in class when permitted by the teacher.
3. Devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text messaging).
4. During class time, students can only use the assigned or designated website or application, and can only use the communication tools of the device for educational purposes.
5. Devices should be fully charged before school every day. Charging stations can be used during breaks or lunch time.
6. Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post images or videos of person(s) on campus.
7. Devices may only be used to access documents or websites relevant to the curriculum.
8. LBPSB WiFi usernames and passwords are confidential. Sharing them is strictly prohibited.
9. It is recommended that students download Google Chrome. Although students will be using Google Drive, it is also the student's responsibility to maintain sufficient memory capacity on their device to enable its use for educational purposes.
10. Students are expected to bring their device to class each day, unless otherwise specified by the teacher.
11. PCHS's Code of Conduct Policy can be applied if students fail to adhere to these guidelines. In addition, the Technology Permission Form in the school Agenda must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian.
12. If reasonable belief exists that the student has violated the conditions of this agreement, the student's device may be inspected and/or confiscated. Disciplinary action involving misuse of technology may extend to loss of technology privileges or further action as determined by PCHS Administration.

Students and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that:

1. LBPSB's network filters will be applied to a device's internet connection and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited. PCHS is not responsible for any activity conducted as a result of bypassing said filters.
2. PCHS can collect and/or confiscate any device that is suspected of violating the BYOD Acceptable Use Policy. If the device is locked or password protected, the student concerned will be required to unlock the device.
3. Students will supply their own device and be responsible for its safety. Devices should have appropriate protection/cases for easy carrying and storage, and be clearly labeled with the student's name.
4. The school board, teachers, and school administrators may, with justification, monitor user activity on the lbpearson.ca GAFE accounts.
5. Students are prohibited from knowingly bringing a device on premises that infects the network with a virus or any program designed to damage, alter, or destroy data.
6. PCHS is not responsible for restoring locked devices where passwords have been forgotten.
7. Students should log off every time they use their account.
8. It is strongly recommended that students not share their device with other students.
9. It is the choice of the individual families to insure their own personal devices against loss or damage.
10. Parents should monitor the use of their child's device for responsible, appropriate, and legal behaviour.

Responsibilities of the school:

1. PCHS will provide a safe network structure and internet access that can support the use of the device.
2. PCHS will make every effort to ensure that students understand the routines and expectations for the safety and care of the devices brought to school.

3. PCHS can provide a “loan” Chromebook for students to borrow with a safety deposit of \$50.00. The safety deposit will be returned to the student upon collection of the undamaged device, charger, and carrying case at the end of the year.

4. PCHS can provide basic connectivity support during scheduled “tech support office hours.”

PCHS is not responsible for:

- Devices that are broken while at school or on off-site school activities.
- Devices that are lost or stolen at school or on off-site school activities.
- Personal data that is lost or stolen at school or on off-site school activities.
- Maintenance or upkeep of, or repairs on, any personal device.



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Declaration:

In signing this document, I declare:

I have read and understood Pierrefonds Community High School's BYOD Acceptable Use Policy as stated in this document.

I agree to follow the rules and guidelines stated in this document.

I understand that failure to follow the guidelines and rules stated in this document could result in loss of technology privileges or further action as determined by PCHS Administration.

_____ (Signature of student)

_____ (Full name in block letters)

_____ Grade Level

_____ (Signature of parent/legal guardian)

_____ (Full name in block letters)

_____ (Date)

Please keep the text of the policy for reference.

Return the signed declaration page to school with your child in September. The signed declaration will be kept on file at the school.