New London-Spicer Schools BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) FAQs - Parents

What if my child's device is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?
Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal item. The school will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen or misplaced. Some devices have a device locator; it is recommended that you enable this feature if possible.

Is it required that my child use the School wireless? Can they use their own 3G or 4G service?
Students with a personally owned device are encouraged to use the Students wireless network.

My child is bringing a device to school for instructional purposes. Will they have access to things they normally do with district equipment?
Your child will have access to any of the web-based software the school currently uses (databases, library search tools, etc.) Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons.

As a parent am I required to add additional software (virus protection, filter, tracking device, etc.) to my child's device?
Virus protection for PC's is required. Device location software is not required but is always a good idea.

My PC does not have Microsoft Office, what can I do?
NL-S offers five free Office 365 Suite licenses per student school issued email account. These licenses include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, One Note, Outlook, and Access. Downloads can occur through the student email account. To inquire about this software license, email: **girouxs@nls.k12.mn.us**

How will my son's/daughter's device be used in the classroom?
Students will engage in an integrated curriculum, access information, and apply it to solve authentic problems.

New London-Spicer Schools BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) FAQs – Students

I don't have my own electronic communication device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?
No, it is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. Use of personal electronic devices will be optional. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device! If a student does not have a device, he/she will not miss out on the learning opportunities.

I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet now?
Most devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time devices will ask you if you would like to join the network when prompted, choose "Students" from the list and enter student credentials, check allow certificate, then access will be granted.

My device is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?
Make sure your wireless switch is turned on or check the settings menu of your device. There is usually an icon for a network, go to this icon and choose "Students" from the list of available wireless networks or prompt your device to look for wireless networks in range.

I can't get my device to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?
Resources may be available to help you connect to the guest network in your school; however, you will need to consult with a network administrator (building tech) for these resources. It is not the responsibility of your teacher or other staff to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Please keep in mind that students will not miss out on the learning experience if their device does not connect.

I need to print the assignment I just completed. Why is there no printer when I try this?
Printers are networked differently in the school and will not be available when you log in to the Students network. Some network solutions include creating and sharing an online document (One Drive), emailing the document to your teacher or yourself, saving the document to a flash drive or printing the document from home or another school computer. Keep in mind that using school printers in the classroom or other learning spaces is at the discretion of the teacher or other school administrator.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?
New London-Spicer Schools is not responsible for the theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense. Bringing your own devices to school can be useful; however, some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft.

Why am I filtered on my own computer? Shouldn't I be able to see what I want to on my own device?
Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you're using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered.

Am I still held accountable for the Internet Acceptable Use Policy (#7015) I signed at the beginning of the school year even though this is my personal device?
Yes, students using a personally owned device must have both the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and the BYOT Device User Agreement signed.

Am I able to recharge my device in school? You are able to recharge your device in the Media Center, Middle School Learning Commons before school or after school. You are also able to charge your device during lunchtime.