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Dear ELCA Parents,

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As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. With that in mind, Eagle's Landing Christian Academy is pleased to continue its Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) program for students in grades 7 – 12. These students may bring technology devices to school to use in the classroom for educational purposes.

We believe that BYOT will allow for higher levels of student engagement and achievement. Students will use their devices to facilitate the ability to communicate, collaborate, research, create, and problem-solve in new and exciting ways. Approved devices include laptop computers and tablets with a display of 7 inches or greater (examples are: iPads, Kindle Fire, Samsung Galaxy, etc.). **Cell phones, iPods, and iTouch devices or similar are not approved for this program.**

The school and teachers will develop lessons, schedules, and practices that best meet the needs of their students. Students will not be allowed to use the devices to play games or to distract from student learning. Student BYOT devices will connect to the ELFBC Wi-Fi network which is filtered to protect the student. Student use of **3G or 4G** connections for this BYOT program is strictly **prohibited** during school hours because these connections **cannot be filtered** by the ELFBC Wi-Fi network. Students are also **prohibited** from using **proxy devices** such as **VPNs** to bypass the filtered WiFi. Any attempts by students to circumvent applied safety and filtering protections will result in **immediate disciplinary action**.

Eagle's Landing Christian Academy will not be installing any software on the student's device. We are also not able to upgrade, maintain or repair a student-owned device.

Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own devices in order to fully participate fully in this program. Although ELCA is not requiring a specific device for the BYOT initiative, we ask that the device chosen be capable of executing applications and advanced technology programs that are currently on the market today. Students purchasing Android, Windows, or IOS devices, must understand device basics in order to be productive with them in the classroom.

Please go to the website [www.elcaonline.org/BYOT](http://www.elcaonline.org/BYOT) for information and resources regarding ELCA's BYOT initiative.

If you have further questions on the type of activities the devices will be used for in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher. If you have questions about the BYOT program, please contact Mrs. Fairley, K-12 Technology Director.

Sincerely,

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