

ELCA BYOT - Frequently Asked Questions - PARENTS

My son is bringing his iPad to school for instructional purposes. Will he have access to things he normally does with ELCA computers?

Answer: Your son will have access to web based software allowed under the ELFBC Wi-Fi filter. Software may run differently on different devices for varying reasons. You should consult your owner's manual or other support materials provided with your device for software limitations. (Ex. iPads cannot run software requiring Flash Player.)

As a parent, am I required to add additional software (virus protection, filter, tracking device etc.) to my child's technology tool?

Answer: Teachers may occasionally recommend applications for assignments in class. Sometimes the applications are free and sometimes they are not. It is always the student/parent choice whether or not to purchase the recommendation. If the student/parent decides not to purchase the teacher's recommendation, the student/parent may be asked to find a similar one for the assignment. It is wise, however, that students have some buying flexibility when it comes to applications. We suggest giving the student a gift card for the app store when using an iPad or money for purchases for Windows apps when using windows based tablets or computers. Virus protection is always advised, but not required. While on the ELFBC Wi-Fi network, students will be monitored through the school's filter, so there is no need for additional filtering software.

I have read the student/parent agreement and contract and I do not wish to have my daughter accessing the internet using her own laptop. Is this allowable in this plan?

Answer: All students are encouraged to bring their own devices. The school will provide, whenever possible, a school owned device for use within the class period as needed for instructional purposes at the discretion of the teacher. There is no guarantee however, that a device will be available or that a student will be allowed to miss class time to go and secure one. If your daughter borrows a school owned device, she would still need to submit the Student/Parent Agreement and Contract for BYOT.

I am the president of a booster club on my student's campus. We hold meetings at night. Will we have access to the ELFBC Wi-Fi network after school hours for our meetings?

Answer: Yes. The ELFBC Wi-Fi network will be accessible after school hours, and all filters will remain in place.

If my daughter's laptop is stolen or damaged, what recourse can I take?

Answer: ELCA is not responsible for any damage or theft of student owned technology. Keeping track of the device's serial number, model and type at home is suggested. Theft or vandalism of any kind should be reported immediately to the school resource officer, so he can take the appropriate steps. Insurance and service plans for student owned devices may be purchased by parents at reasonable prices through many internet vendors as well as from stores such as Best Buy, Target, and Wal-Mart.

What are the campus/classroom rules for using student owned devices, including phones?

Answer: Teachers make the final decision for any tools used in the classroom; student owned equipment would be no different. It will be up to the individual teachers to communicate their expectations to parents and students. For example, the student may choose to use their personal device for note taking. During class the teacher may ask the student to turn off the device during a test.

CELL PHONES, ITOUCH, AND IPOD DEVICES OR SIMILAR ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME IN THIS PROGRAM. Contact your child's teachers for his/her expectations.

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Will my child have access to communication tools like email or message boards while on the ELFBC Wi-Fi network?

Answer: If students have already established an email account on their personal device, then there is no reason they should not be able to access it while on the ELCA campus. If the student does not have an email address, it is advised that they secure a free ELCA Gmail account for classroom communication.

Where can I see the Computer & Network usage Policy for ELCA?

Answer: ELCA's Computer & Network Usage policy is found in the ELCA Student Handbook (p. 14-18) on the ELCA website at the following link <http://www.elcaonline.org/studenthandbook>.