

ELCA BYOT - Frequently Asked Questions - STUDENTS

I have turned in my signed copy of the Student/Parent Agreement and Contract for BYOT. Can I start bringing my device to school?

Answer: By completing, signing, and turning in the Student/Parent Contract for BYOT you have secured permission to participate in BYOT.

I have my laptop with me in class. How do I get on the internet now?

Answer: Most laptops or other personal devices will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time your technology device will ask you if you would like to join the network. The network is open so once chosen, you should be granted access. After gaining access once, most devices will automatically connect in the future.

My laptop is not prompting me to choose a wireless network. Is there another way to connect?

Answer: In the settings menu of your device, there is usually an icon for a network. Go to this icon and choose “ELFBC Wi-Fi” from the list, or prompt your computer to look for wireless networks in range. Always consult your device’s owner’s manual or other available support for exact directions to access a wireless network.

I just can’t get my laptop to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?

Answer: Check your owner’s manual or other support resources for issues concerning connectivity. Frequently, peers will have similar devices and will be able to support each other. Classroom time will be focused on instruction, so your teacher will not be able to stop instruction to help you access the internet. BYOT participants are responsible for ensuring their device connects to the wireless network.

I brought my iPad to school to use in the classroom, but my teacher said I couldn’t use it in her classroom. Can I still use it?

Answer: The teacher in the classroom has the final say on procedures in the classroom. If he or she asks you not to use your technology tool at a particular time, then you must follow those directions.

I need to print the document I just created, why is there no printer listed when I try this?

Answer: There are no network printers available for students when you login to the ELFBC Wi-Fi network. Some printing solutions include saving the document in the Cloud and printing it in the library, or printing it at home.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?

Answer: Bringing your own technology tools to school can be useful; however there are some risks as well. It is always a good idea to record the device’s serial number in case of theft. ELCA bears no responsibility for the theft of a device, nor is ELCA responsible for any damage done to a device. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact the assistant principal or the school resource officer to make him aware of the offense.

Why am I filtered on my own device? Shouldn’t I be able to see what I want to on my own device?

Answer: Student filtering is a requirement of all schools. The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered, regardless of the device you use to access the internet. The network you are using while at school belongs to ELCA & ELFBC and will be filtered.

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I have a data plan from a provider (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon etc.) on my digital device that allows me to access the internet without using the ELFBC Wi-Fi access. Is this allowable?

Answer: Students are expected to follow the submitted Student/Parent Contract for BYOT when accessing the internet through any device. Students should not access the internet through any cellular data provider while on campus. Students that do not follow the guidelines may lose the privilege of using a device at school and/or face disciplinary consequences.

Am I still held accountable for the BYOT agreement I signed even if I change devices?

Answer: Yes. The BYOT agreement for ELCA remains in effect for any personally owned device you bring on campus. Violating the terms of the guidelines will be dealt with accordingly. If you change devices, give your new device information to your homeroom teacher so that your Student/Parent Contract for BYOT can be updated.

I don't own a device, how can I participate in BYOT?

Answer: Although all students are strongly encouraged to bring their own devices, we recognize that this will not be possible for some. If available, a device may be borrowed from the computer lab before school starts. Students that do not own a device will still need to have a BYOT contract on file prior to borrowing a device.