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 application 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. The app store is not active for downloads on the ELFBC Wi-Fi network, so application downloads must be done at home. 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 program guidelines for BYOT and I do not wish to have my daughter accessing the internet using her own laptop. Is this allowable in this plan?
Answer: All grade 7 – 12 students must bring their own devices. Students not having a device in some classes could be faced with large amounts of writing and research that could be done more efficiently with a device. Students not having a device may not be able to sufficiently participate at the level needed without their own device.

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. Device theft or vandalism should be reported immediately to the school resource officer and technology director, so that appropriate steps can be taken. 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 BYOT tools used in the classroom.
CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME IN THIS PROGRAM. Contact your child's teachers for his/her expectations.

Will my child have access to communication tools like email or message boards while on the ELFBC Wi-Fi network?
Answer: All students will be issued an ELCA Google account to use for all school related communication and correspondence with teachers and class peers. Please see the technology director for assistance with establishing the ELCA email accounts.

Where can I see the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy for ELCA?
Answer: ELCA's Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy can be found in the ELCA Student Handbook. A copy of this policy is also attached as an appendix in this document.