



RAMPART HIGH SCHOOL

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Technology is an essential part of learning at Rampart High School. To be able to engage successfully in our information-rich society, students must be able to utilize technology appropriately and effectively. Many students' lives today are filled with technology that gives them continuous access to information and resources, enabling them to pursue interests and learning in their own way and at their own pace. The opportunities are limitless, borderless, and instantaneous. However, many students only use their devices to text, listen to music or search google. We want to change that in order for students to be prepared for their 21st century future.

With many students owning mobile computing devices and frequently using these devices for their school work while at home, Rampart recognizes the need to allow students to utilize their own technology in a more seamless way at school. In an effort to put students first and empower them to take control of their own learning, Rampart High School will now encourage students to appropriately utilize their personal devices in classrooms where teachers have approved device use. BYOD stands for "Bring Your Own Device" at Rampart High School. BYOD is an initiative that will allow students to use personal technology devices at school for educational purposes to meet their personalized learning needs under the direction of a teacher or administrator. For the purposes of BYOD, "Device" means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod Touches, and smart phones.

Every student, faculty and staff member Academy School District 20 is given a Google Apps for Education account. This account provides cloud storage, Google Docs, Spreadsheet and Presentation tools as well as Google calendar. That said – there are key elements students need to be successful in and beyond school: creating documents, spreadsheets and presentations; note taking; navigating storage systems; communication. Learning takes place when you can be present in the moment. Some moments require a device (e.g., researching online databases) and some require complete attention to the teacher's voice. The focus of BYOD is not so much Teacher or Classroom specific as it is Student specific. Even a classroom which is being taught without the use of technology by the teacher is a classroom where students may choose to use their personal technology as a planner, take notes, complete assignments, or extend learning if approved by the teacher.

Here is some important information to consider as we move forward with the BYOD initiative:

- Students and parents will need to be aware of Academy School District 20 Rampart's policy and vision statement surrounding BYOD.
- The student is solely responsible for any equipment that he/she brings to school. Rampart High School is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment.
- Rampart staff are unable to provide technical support for personal devices brought to school. All students must adhere to the Acceptable Use and Electronic Devices Policies. When students use technology inappropriately while on the school network, the same consequences apply, regardless of who owns the device or what network the student is utilizing. Students that use non-district networks (cellular 3G or 4G service) must comply with ASD20 and Electronic Device policy and must recognize that they receive content unfiltered and do so at their own risk. Using the ASD20 wifi network lessens the impact on your home data plans.
- Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.

The BYOD initiative at Rampart High School is designed to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century and beyond. Instruction and learning is shifting to teachers and students using technology as part of the daily classroom experience. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructors, and our community through various forms of shared content and media to engage in a variety of learning activities. Students will become digital citizens, learning what is morally and ethically appropriate, in our information-rich society. The opportunities are limitless, borderless, and instantaneous.

Please feel free to contact your student's teachers with any further questions.

Respectfully,

Rampart Staff