



# School District of Pickens County

*Building success beyond the classroom*

## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we work to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must challenge students with increased rigor and personalized academic experiences to ensure students are college, career, and citizenship ready. To meet this challenge, students in the School District of Pickens County may now bring their own technology to use as a tool for learning. You are receiving this letter because your student is in a class whose teacher is ready to begin using BYOD.

The SDPC\_BYOD network is a filtered Internet connection for students to use for educational purposes. When students login to the SDPC\_BYOD network, they will be asked to enter their network login and ID.

The student is **solely** responsible for any equipment that he/she brings to school. The School District of Pickens County is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment. WiFi access is provided at no cost to students, so the School District of Pickens County will not be liable for data costs associated with usage at school. School District of Pickens County staff members are unable to provide technical support for personal devices brought to school. All students must adhere to the district's Technology Acceptable Use Policies. When students use technology inappropriately while on the school network, the same consequences apply, regardless of who owns the device.

The district has a free Meraki software program that allows designated Meraki managers who are employees of the School District of Pickens County to locate a device. Meraki also allows these managers to see the applications installed on the device, to track recent usage, and to control the device. **Installing this app is optional.** District employees who are designated as Meraki managers will locate the device only in emergency situations, so please do not call them to see if your son or daughter made it to a friend's house. This app requires a Meraki network ID specific to the school; the ID and directions for installation can be obtained from the teacher. Again, Meraki is an option we are making available to parents, but it is not required!

If you wish your child to participate, please sign the attached sheet and return the permission slip to your child's teacher.

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