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Katy Independent School District



Katy Public Wi-Fi 

A Guide for Parents



Bring Your Own Device

Katy ISD is now offering a **filtered** Katy Public Wi-Fi on all campuses. Students in grades 2—12 may bring a personal device to school and use for educational purposes. Students are expected to connect to the filtered Katy Public-Wifi to ensure access to the best online resources.

Important Facts

- Users of the Katy Public Wi-Fi network have **filtered** Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.
- Katy ISD offers many educational resources via the Internet. These resources can be accessed anytime, anywhere the student has access to the Internet therefore learning is extended beyond the classroom.
- Students in grades 2-12 may now bring their own technology devices (laptop, netbook, cell phone, tablet, etc.) to Katy ISD campuses and they will be utilized in the classroom at the **discretion of the teacher**.
- By connecting to the Katy Public Wi-Fi, users accept the terms of the Katy ISD Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG), located on the Katy ISD Website.
- Use of technology is a privilege and not a right.
- Students are expected to exhibit digital responsibility and follow the Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG) while using technology.
- The Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG) may be found on Katyisd.org and a copy will be provided to your student.



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Responsibility for Devices

- The technology devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility.
- The campus or district assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged, or stolen and only limited time or resources will be spent trying to locate stolen or lost items.
- Personal devices may be subject to investigation in accordance with District Policy.
- Students are to keep their devices secure at all times and not loan to others.
- Students must keep devices on silent or vibrate mode.

Appropriate Student Use

As with any tool, there are appropriate places and times for the use of devices on the Katy Public Wi-Fi network. Below are the levels and permissible situations for use. Campus administrators and teachers have the right to prohibit use of devices at certain times or during designated activities (i.e. campus presentation, theatrical performance, or guest speaker) that occur during the school day.

Appropriate Student Use

Usage	Elementary (Grades 2-5 only)	Junior High	High School
When designated for learning by teacher	✓	✓	✓
During Passing Periods			✓
During Lunch			✓
Specific Procedures will be announced by campuses	✓		

Grading of Student Work

Students who do not have access to personal devices will be provided with an alternative way of completing the assignment or a district owned device may be provided based on availability.

Tips for Success with Katy Public Wi-Fi

- Clearly label all devices and power cords with your student's name
- Set a password or passcode on the device
- Bring devices to school fully charged and in good working order
- Record the serial number and model information at home
- Students may bring headphones to use with their device as many digital resources have audio
- Your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy may cover lost or damaged personal electronic devices
- Students should silence or place devices on vibrate while working in class



Student Portals

Katy ISD has Internet homepages for students (one for elementary and one for secondary) that feature quick links to collections of digital tools ideal for facilitating learning. These tools range from research databases to creative tools and beyond. The portals are the default Internet homepage when students log in using a District computer and are also accessible from www.katyisd.org or by scanning the QR Codes below with a mobile device.

Elementary Student Portal



Secondary Student Portal



Responsible Use of Technology

Look for more information in the first day packet for important guidelines to share with your child about Digital Citizenship. You will receive a booklet titled *Heads Up: Stop. Think. Click.* This publication helps kids learn why and how to stay safe online. Key points covered are:

- Use strong passwords
- Do not share passwords
- Keep addresses, phone numbers, and other personal information private
- Be respectful when communicating
- Do not connect with people you do not know personally
- Students are expected to connect to the filtered Katy Public Wi-Fi while on campus
- Report any suspicious information to an adult immediately
- Photos are to be taken only when directed by the classroom teacher
- Students must not loan or share personal device with others
- For more information about Digital Responsibility, please go to www.katyisd.org

Guidelines for Use of Personal Telecommunication Devices

By taking advantage of equipment that you, as parents, may have already provided your children, and by the District providing a filtered, wireless network (Wi-Fi), the District can partner with you to provide students with the best academic resources available.

Learning about and being held accountable for the responsible use of either district-owned technology or personally-owned electronic devices is an important part of preparing students to be successful in the future. Whether using district-owned or personally-owned electronic devices for school purposes, each student is expected to act in an appropriate manner in accordance with the District's Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG).

Students in grades 2 – 12 may bring and use personal, portable, electronic devices starting at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Devices such as, but not limited to, electronic readers, small laptop computers, cell phones, or any other portable equipment that can access the District's filtered, Wi-Fi network.

The following guidelines must be adhered to by students using a personally-owned electronic device at school:

- Internet access is filtered by the District on personal devices in the same manner as District-owned equipment. If Internet access is needed, connection to the filtered, wireless network provided by the District is required.
- Students are expected to follow the Responsible Use Guidelines (RUG). *RUG is available on the web at KatyISD.org*
- These devices are the sole responsibility of the student owner. The school or District assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged or stolen and only limited time or resources will be spent trying to locate stolen or lost items.
- These devices have educational and monetary value. Students are prohibited from trading or selling these items to other students on District property, including school buses.
- Each student is responsible for his/her own device: set-up, maintenance, and charging. Teachers will not store student devices at any time, nor will any District employee diagnose, repair, or work on a student's personal device.
- Students who do not have access to personal devices will be provided with an alternative way of completing the assignment or a district owned device may be provided based on availability.
- Electronic devices are only to be used in the classroom for educational purposes at the discretion of a teacher.
- Campus administrators and teachers have the right to prohibit use of devices at certain times or during designated activities (i.e. campus presentation, theatrical performance, or guest speaker) that occur during the school day.
- An appropriately-trained administrator may examine a student's personal device and search its contents, in accordance with the law, if there is a reason to believe that the Responsible Use Guidelines has been violated.

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Guidelines for Use of Personal Telecommunication Devices

I have read, understand, and will abide by all the guidelines set forth above regarding the use of personal electronic devices in the District. I understand that violations of these guidelines may result in the loss of District network and/or computer privileges either temporarily or permanently, as well as any other disciplinary action in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Signature of Student	Printed Name of Student	Date
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I have reviewed and discussed this document with my child. My child understands the expectations and responsibilities associated with the proper care and handling of personal electronic devices while at school. My child is clear that the consequences of not upholding his/her responsibilities may result in disciplinary actions in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Printed Name of Parent/Guardian	Date
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