AUHSD 1:1 Learning FAQ

What is BYOD?
"Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) is a program that allows the student to use their own device to access educational resources and create digital content. In a BYOD program, students are expected to have their digital device available for daily use in the classroom.

What are the benefits of the program?
Student technology use supports essential skill areas for our students, including complex communication, new media literacy, creativity, and self-directed learning. In essence, technology has been evolving at a rapid pace; the district wants students to be prepared for their future educational and career goals.

We are committed to preparing our students to excel and contribute in a global society. The goal is to enhance student mastery of the content in the classroom, and the devices are to be utilized for academic use throughout the school day and at home.

Why "Bring Your Own Device" versus requiring every student to have the same digital device?
Because AUHSD has web-based systems like School Loop and Google Apps for Education, the computing device that each one of our community members uses is less of an issue. Our faculty members currently utilize many different types of computing tools, and students use a wide range of devices at home. Our learning models focus on educational content, instruction and student creativity. Students can use a variety of tools to meet those goals.

Are students required to bring in a personally owned device, or is this optional?
Students in a BYOD program are required to bring a device each day. If a student is unable to bring their own device and the use of the device is required by the teacher, a device can be provided for the student upon request.

If a student already owns a device, do they need a new one?
No, students may use any device that meets the AUHSD recommended BYOD minimum hardware specifications.

What are the minimum hardware system specifications for student devices?
- Connect to the internet through 5 GHz WiFi
- Have at least 5 hours of battery life
- Headphones
- Multimedia creation and editing capabilities
- 7 inch screen size

See the AUHSD 1-to-1 Student Mobile Device Handbook for more information and examples of devices currently used in the school district.

Are students expected to use the devices at both school and home?
Yes. One of the goals of BYOD is ubiquitous and continuous access as a way to build information literacy. This means access to the learning tools on a device at home and school. Some class and homework assignments will require students to use a digital device, while others will not.

What about students who are unable to afford digital devices?
If a student is unable to bring their own device and the use of the device is required by the teacher, a device can be provided for the student upon request.

Are there any recommended accessories or auxiliary products?
- An extended warranty
- Theft and hazard insurance (Warranties do not cover abuse, theft, or accidental damage)
- A protective case/sleeve
- A backpack that has an internal, padded sleeve for protecting the device
- A headset or earbuds
- Tracking software (Find My iPhone, Android Device Manager, etc.)

What will be provided by the school?
The school will provide access to a filtered wi-fi internet service. Please note that while the school makes every effort to maintain a safe web experience, web filtering can not block every site that might be deemed inappropriate.

Will devices be used in every class?
While a digital device can be a powerful learning tool, it is not the only tool that teachers use to help students learn the material. There will be classes or days that the device is not used; however, students should be prepared everyday should the device be required.

What happens if a digital device is lost or stolen?
If a digital device is stolen, report it to the school administration immediately and file a report with your local law enforcement agency.

We strongly encourage students to install and know how to use tracking software on their device. In addition, please see your school's website for information on device theft insurance.

What happens if a digital device breaks?
We recommend that students purchase an extended warranty for their device at the time of purchase. The school is not responsible for any broken devices.

How will students be kept from engaging in inappropriate use of digital devices?
While using their devices at school, students will access the Internet through the school's filtered WiFi network. Students are accountable to uphold their agreement with the AUHSD

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) when using their devices at school. Violations of the AUP will result in disciplinary consequences, including possible loss of network privileges.

Will the family need to have Internet access at home?
No; however, it is helpful if a student has access at home in order to work on any assignments that require the internet. The school's library is often open before and after school and can provide a place for students to complete work that require the use of the internet. Information about low cost internet service can be found at http://everyoneon.org/**.**

Do students have access to power outlets throughout the day?
The library at each school site is working to provide adequate charging stations for students before and after school as well as at brunch and lunch. Students are expected to arrive at school each day with their device fully charged.

What should students do with digital devices when not in use?
Devices should be stored in a locked locker or in the direct possession of the student at all times. Every student is provided a locker on campus. If any student needs help accessing their locker, the attendance office will be happy to help.

What about printing?
Students can print a reasonable amount of documents in the library. This process is much easier if documents are stored in Google Drive.

How do students access the school network? Is it required that students use the school wireless network, or can they use their own 3G or 4G service?
Students in a BYOD program will receive instruction from their teacher about accessing a dedicated school WiFi network. Students should consult their device's documentation for information on how to connect to a WiFi network. The school's WiFi network provides a fast and safe connection to the Internet. Students should not access the Internet through other means as they may not be connected to all of the resources required for a particular activity. Accessing the Internet through their own 3G or 4G service also uses their own data plan, and does not go through the school's Internet filter.

Will students be able to record teachers or classmates (audio or video)?
Students can only record audio or video if they have the specific permission of every person who could appear in the video or be heard in the recording. Recorded audio or video that is distributed beyond personal use should be very limited.

What happens if a student uses the device inappropriately?
Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of the student's ability to use their device at 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.

Can a student use their own device in any class?
Students can use their device in any class to meet educational goals as long as they have the specific permission of the teacher. A teacher does not have to allow a student the ability to use their device in a class.

Will there be technical assistance provided to access the wireless network or to assist with the use of BYOD devices?
Teachers and technology staff will instruct and assist students in the use of their devices for school related purposes, including accessing the wireless network. School staff cannot provide extended support for BYOD devices.