

Prattsburgh Central School District

Bring Your Own Device

As we continue to look for ways to prepare our students for the ever changing technological world that we live in, we are pleased to announce that we are beginning a “Bring Your Own Device” initiative for students in grades 7-12. The devices that are available to students are incredibly valuable to the educational process and can be used to enhance the educational experiences that students are immersed in on a daily basis. It is our responsibility to infuse the use of the available technology into the curriculum in order to prepare students to be able to research, evaluate the usefulness of Internet sources, and to use the Internet in a safe and responsible manner. Since students have devices with the capability of increasing achievement, it only makes sense to allow their use in an educational setting.

The following devices will be allowed to connect to the district’s wireless network:

- Mobile wireless devices (iPad, iPod, Galaxy, Kindle, Android devices, etc.)
- Smart phones
- Laptops
- Netbooks
- Devices with Windows operating systems

All of these devices will be filtered just like any other computer in the building. Students will log onto the system using their own specific credentials that they now use, and everything they do will be monitored by our Internet security software. Administration will be visiting grades 7-12 English classes in order to provide all students with an orientation on this new opportunity.

The primary use of these personal devices is educational, and they will be used to support classroom instruction. The use of these devices continues to be at the discretion of faculty/staff and administration.

The following rules will be in place for “Bring Your Own Device”:

- Use of personal devices must not disrupt others.
- Inappropriate use of devices may result in loss of privileges. These devices are subject to search and seizure, based on the nature of the offense.
- The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal devices.
- The school is not responsible for setup, maintenance or repair of personal devices.
- Personal devices must be wireless ONLY; they cannot be plugged into the school’s wired network.
- Any violations of these rules may result in loss of privileges.

We continue to keep our main focus at PCS on student achievement, and this new opportunity for students is a step in that direction. Personal devices will allow students to complete on-line assignments anywhere in the building and will continue to prepare our students for life in the 21st century!