



LAPTOP AND TABLET USAGE POLICY

SECTION 1. BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY

MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile technology is properly used for educational purposes and is not a distraction for students, teachers, staff and the administration.

Laptop and tablet computers owned by Ben Franklin Academy shall be managed according to the Inventory Management Policy. The Academy will maintain technology standards consistent with the Academy's Technology Standards.

SECTION 2. LAPTOPS AND TABLETS

Laptop and tablet usage by students shall be limited to classroom instruction.

Students shall not bring laptops or tablets from home unless approved by the principal for educational purposes. The technology specialist or his/her designee must review and approve any such laptop or tablet for classroom use at least once a week. The technology specialist and/or his/her designee may require software to be installed or uninstalled on such laptops or tablets.

Students shall not check out or take home a laptop or tablet as noted in the Inventory Management Policy.

Students shall neither download nor install software on any laptop or tablet computer. Staff can only download or install software previously approved by the technology specialist or his/her designee. The technology specialist shall make this determination solely on the basis of whether the software may harm the laptop or tablet, the Academy's

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technology infrastructure, or based on offensive material. The technology specialist can work with the principal in order to deem software offensive.

In consultation with the principal, a teacher may restrict laptop or tablet usage for any student.

POLICY HISTORY:

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