

# YKLI Technology Guidelines

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*These guidelines reflect our shared commitment to the chinuch and wellbeing of our students. A calm, protected home environment helps our children grow, learn, and thrive. We ask every family to partner with us in creating that environment. Thank you for your care and cooperation.*

## Definitions

**Family Device:** A "family device" is any device kept in the home that more than one person can access, such as a phone, shared computer, tablet, or Smart TV in a common area.

## Guidelines

### 1. Personal Phones

Students in grades N-8 may not own or possess a personal phone, including both smartphones and flip phones. Wearable devices with calling or texting capability, such as cellular smartwatches, count as personal phones for this rule. (Please make sure extended family and grandparents are aware of this rule!)

### 2. Personal Internet-Enabled Devices

Students in grades N-8 may not have personal internet-enabled devices. This includes, but is not limited to, iPads, laptops, Chromebooks, and tablets. Because old or decommissioned devices are a leading source of unmonitored access, parents are urged to properly dispose of or secure old electronics.

### 3. Family Device Filtering

All shared "family devices" (see Definitions above) must have a TAG-approved filter installed and active.

### 4. Class Communication & Group Chats

Student class chats and group messaging are strictly prohibited. When class activities or student communication need to be organized, a parent should facilitate it by telephone.

### 5. Gaming Consoles, Smart TVs, Wearables, and Network-Level Filtering

Interactive online gaming with peers or outside players is strictly prohibited. Many devices cannot run individual filtering software or lack built-in parental controls. This includes gaming consoles, Smart TVs, streaming sticks, smart home appliances, and smartwatches and other wearables with calling, texting, or internet access. Families must secure these devices at the network level using a filtered router or a controllable DNS option such as OpenDNS or CleanBrowsing.

### 6. Exceptions

If your family requires an exception for medical management devices (such as continuous glucose monitors) or other specific circumstances, please speak directly with the school administration.

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## Parent Acknowledgment

We have read and understood the YKLI Technology Guidelines and commit to upholding them in our home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_