



McCall Middle School

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Dear McCall Families 2018-2019,

McCall Middle School will continue to provide a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) environment for all students for the 2018-2019 school year. This access allows our student body to strengthen its technology, academic, and “real world” skills, and it will also enable students experience in deciding the right tool for their own learning style and applying their learning in new ways.

We recognize there are costs to this practice. At a minimum, this will require families to invest some amount of time as we work together to get students up and running on devices; for some families, the initiative may result in some expense. It is important to note, for example, that students bring devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal items; while we will do everything we can to help students ensure the safety of their device, Winchester Public Schools is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen personal equipment. Still, it is our expectation that we -- families, administrators, teachers, and students -- will find that the educational benefits of having 21st century learners on their own devices at McCall will far outweigh the costs.

If your family chooses not to, or is unable to provide your child with a device, the district will provide him/her with one. In order to prepare for this, **we ask all families complete this survey** by Thursday, June 21, 2018. This survey will let us know if you plan to send a device to school with your child or if you are unable to provide your child with a device:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeviceNeeds>

For inquiries about recommended devices, policies, and frequently asked questions, please refer to <https://sites.google.com/site/mccallmiddlebyod/home>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Jorge Goncalves
Principal

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