

BYOx Program Equity Policy



Bremer State High School

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We Believe. We Strive. We Achieve.



Rationale

At Bremer State High School, we are committed to incorporating digital technology into the classroom to support and enhance learning experiences. We recognise that the BYOx program raises a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all of their classes. Bremer State High School takes seriously the role of public education in ensuring all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOx Equity Policy is to establish the framework for the BYOx program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their families' financial circumstances.

Actions

Bremer State High School will:

1. Ensure the BYOx Program's Minimum Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in varying capability and cost are offered and meet the minimum specifications
2. Assess applications for assistance on a case-by-case basis

Due consideration will be given to all the facts of the matter, including:

- The level of assistance requested
- If the student is part of the shared resource scheme
- The year level of the student
- The subjects the student undertakes
- The technology already available to the student at school and at home.
- If the school has made it an expectation that the students has a device for their classes

Students and Parents/Carers:

1. Consider options for the purchase of equipment that meets the minimum device specifications
2. If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the minimum specifications and it was made an expectation that your student has a device:
 - a. The school will liaise with you, your student and their teachers to identify the most appropriate way to address the issue
 - b. You will be asked to make an agreement with the school that confirms the alternative arrangements made for your student's access to technological resources
3. Bremer State High School will not purchase a device to assign to your student. Bremer State High School has limited devices it can provide for short-term loan. On approval by the Principal (or delegate), a device will be loaned to your student for the negotiated period. NOTE: This is not a take home device. Students will collect the laptop at 8:30am and return it at the end of the school day.

Inappropriate use of equity devices

The following are examples of irresponsible use of devices by students:

- Using the device in an unlawful manner
- Intentionally damaging any devices, accessories, peripherals, printers or network equipment
- Leaving the device in a classroom or in the playground
- Losing the device at school
- Not collecting the device at the start of each day
- Not returning the device at the end of each day

Misuse, Damage and Loss

Students should be aware that they are held responsible for their actions while using an equity device. Students will be held responsible for any misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device.

Bremer State High School reserves the right to restrict/remove access of equity devices to ensure the integrity and security of the equity program and the school. The misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device may result in disciplinary action which includes, but is not limited to, the withdrawal of access to Bremer State High School supplied services. The misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device may also result in a monetary cost to replace device. This monetary cost will be determined on a case by case basis.