



Friday, April 24th, 2026

Dear Argyle families,

As communicated earlier in April, we are proposing a new *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* policy for students in grades 10-12 at École Argyle Secondary starting Fall 2026-27. The new policy intends to enhance student learning and digital literacy at our school. Please join us for an information and consultation session about the new policy on **Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria** and read below for more information.

What does *Bring Your Own Device* mean?

Starting September 2026, all students in grades 10-12 will be asked to bring a laptop or iPad with keyboard to school daily. Devices will be used at each teacher's discretion to support learning in each class. This may include accessing online resources and using software such as Microsoft Teams, Word and PowerPoint, and Canva, which all North Vancouver School District (NVSD) students have free access to.

Why *Bring Your Own Device*?

We know there are differing opinions on screens in schools. Technology use and digital literacy are realities of post-secondary life for students in 2026. Increasingly, most of our classes are supported by Microsoft Teams, online resources, and assignments that are digital in nature. Currently, teachers use shared laptop carts to access technology in classes and are limited in how often they are able to access these devices.

We are confident BYOD in senior grades will allow senior students to build digital literacy skills for life after secondary school and learn to use technology as an effective tool. We feel it is our shared responsibility as educators working with families to teach students to use technology responsibly and to prepare for workplace and post-secondary settings.

Currently, many students are using cell phones to access the internet for schoolwork during in class time. *Bring Your Own Device* will enable us to further limit cell phone use during class time.

Why only senior students?

Grades 10-12 marks the transition to the graduation program, when classes become more focused on post-secondary transitions. Senior classes have an increased need for online access, and we believe senior students are ready to independently manage a device at school.



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What kind of device do students need?

Students do not need a new device, or a top-end laptop. To connect to NVSD networks, all devices must have the [minimum device requirements outlined here](#). Students are welcome to bring existing family devices that meet these minimum requirements. We ask students to bring either a laptop or tablet with keyboard.

Due to global disruption in the technology industry, costs are rising monthly for new technology. If your family is planning to purchase a new device for student use, we encourage you to do so now, rather than waiting for the summer break.

NVSD students can access discounts with:

- [Dell](#)
- [Lenovo](#)

Note: since our last communication, Apple has ended student pricing for BC School Districts.

For families who do not have access to technology and are facing financial hardship, Argyle will support students to borrow or purchase a used device. Please come to the information session on April 27th and /or contact Principal Laura Ames lames@sd44.ca to learn more.

We are excited to launch this new initiative in September 2026, and we look forward to partnering with Argyle families to ensure its success. We are sure you have many questions and we are here to answer them. We hope you can join us for the information session on April 27th to learn more. While the session will not be recorded, the content of the presentation will be shared on our website on April 28th.

Thank you for your support of student learning at École Argyle Secondary.

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