
District 75 (D75) Assistive Technology Rules Regarding Privately-Owned AT Equipment

Please note that D75 does not allow privately-owned devices (i.e. personal devices) to be used in school. The District is not insured to protect these devices, and since they do not belong to the District, D75 has no jurisdiction over the materials and content that would be installed in them. Legally the D75 cannot be held responsible for them.

If school staff and/or the student's parents feel that there is a device, which the student needs to function effectively in school, the student should be referred for an Assistive Technology Evaluation. The recommended equipment will then become an IEP-mandated device and will be supplied by D75, documented accordingly on the IEP.

If a student's parents choose to supplement academic instruction with a personal device to provide additional reinforcement for their child at home, they are more than welcome to do so. Use of reinforcing apps for skill building is something many parents choose to add into their child's repertoire, much like a tutor. This is the prerogative of the parent. However, this personal device should remain at home.

Parent-purchased apps cannot be loaded onto IEP-mandated device. If a parent feels there is an app that is vital to the student's success that has not been considered, they are encouraged to share that information with the school staff for consideration. Essential supports for instruction (e.g. IEP-mandated devices) should not be confused with "additional reinforcement;" provision of the later is at the parent's discretion.

IEP-mandated devices provided by the DOE for access to instructional materials and communication should be sent home with the student each day. Parents should assist their child in learning the responsibility of maintaining/caring for the device, using the device as intended, and making sure it is charged and ready for the next day's use.

If you have any questions, please email Karen Gorman at kgorman@schools.nyc.gov or call 212-802-1530.

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