



**Are you planning to upgrade your mobile device or other technology this holiday season? Do you have an old smartphone, tablet or e-reader that you are no longer using?**

**Please consider donating your old device to Terrace Community Middle School as part of our EdTech Program.**

**Why does TCMS want donated devices?**

Smartphones have become very powerful in recent years, and can now assist with many educational tasks. They are great for research, note taking, student response systems, watching educational videos, running educational apps, and much more. TCMS would like to take used smartphones, wipe them clean, connect them to our wireless network, load educational apps, and make them available for teachers to use with their students.

**What kinds of devices does TCMS want?**

To be best used for educational purposes, we are glad to accept donations of any iOS or Android device that is no more than two years old. Examples would include any iPhone, smartphone, tablet, e-reader, or any other of the many available devices. Android and iOS devices have hundreds of thousands of useful educational apps available. It does not matter if the device has a keyboard or not. Laptops are also a wonderful tool to donate.

**What should be donated with the device?**

The wall charger used to charge the device should be included along with the donated device. No other accessories are required, but we will gladly accept other items related to the device, such as cases, screen covers, and such.

**Will old data be removed from the donated device?**

Yes, we will do a factory reset to wipe all previous data and settings from the device so that it will be getting a fresh start. However, we encourage you to do the same for any device you donate if you wish.

**What if I would like to donate a recent version of a tablet or iPod Touch to TMCS?**

That is acceptable. There are some iOS apps that only run on newer models.

**How will the donated devices get connectivity?**

The device will no longer use cell phone connectivity, since they will no longer be part of any cell phone plan. We will connect the devices to our school's wireless network for their connectivity needs.

### **How will the donated devices be distributed?**

The devices will not be given directly to students. Instead, the devices will be assigned bar codes and will be made available for teachers to check out as needed through the IT Director at school. Teachers will then allow students to use them in class as needed for learning activities.

### **How does this relate to the District's Bring Your Own Device program?**

TCMS allows students to bring their own personal technology devices for educational use in school. While a majority of students routinely bring in personal technology devices, some students do not for various reasons. The donated devices will provide additional mobile devices to be used by students who do not have their own or are not able to bring their own to school.

### **How will the donated devices be used?**

The donated devices may be used in classrooms under the direction of a teacher. Because modern devices are basically small computers, they can be used for education in many ways. Some potential uses include:

- Connecting to the Internet for research and reference
- Taking notes in class
- Acting as a student response system (like a "clicker") to respond to polls / quizzes in class
- Running educational apps
- Creating/Watching video clips
- Recording vocabulary or foreign language dictation practice

### **Is the donation of a device tax deductible?**

Yes, you may claim the donation of a device to the school as a tax deduction. The school does not set the value for the donation, but can simply provide you with a letter indicating that the donation has been made and received.

### **What if my device is too old and needs to be recycled?**

We get credit through Office Depot's recycling program to purchase supplies. We will recycle it for you.

### **How should a device be donated?**

1. Put the device and wall charger (and any other accessories you are including) in a small box or envelope.
2. Mark "EdTech" on the outside.
3. Give the device to the school by:
  - Having your child give it to his/her homeroom teacher.
  - Dropping it off at the main office of the school during business hours (or during morning carline).

If you wish to receive a letter from the school for the tax deduction for your donation, you must include your name, address, and phone number along with the donated device. The letter will be sent to you at a later time. If you would like to have it e-mailed, then no physical address is necessary. Only your name and e-mail are required.