



# MICHAEL STREMBITSKY SCHOOL

## **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

At our school, we believe that technology can be a powerful tool to enhance learning – enabling students to obtain information and to collaborate with others across the school, the district, and the world in purposeful educational activities. Integrating 21st century technologies into teaching and learning not only supports curricular outcomes across several subject areas, but provides students with immediate connections to learning opportunities that would never before have been possible.

As students increasingly integrate networked interactions into their learning processes, they hone new digital competencies, such as the ability to adapt appropriately, quickly, and articulately to a variety of networked collaborative environments.

We expect all students to model the qualities of good digital citizenship by following standards of acceptable use and ethical practices when using either school-owned technology (software, hardware, Internet) or their own personal electronic devices (such as a laptop computer, Chromebook, Smartphone, tablet, etc.).

### **Which device should I bring to school?**

All students at Michael Strembitsky School will have access to Google Apps through SchoolZone. This will be the primary online collaboration tool used in day to day work. Thus, if you are looking to purchase a device primarily for school use, the optimized device would be able to use Google Chrome as a browser. Students at Michael Strembitsky are using many different kinds of devices like laptops, chromebooks, iPads, Samsung tablets and Surface tablets. Many students are also using their Smartphones. When purchasing a mobile device, the top factors to consider are: battery life, memory size, keyboard layout and size, screen size and resolution, warranty, price, weight, wireless network card and of course, durability.

Michael Strembitsky School has a very reliable, filtered, wireless network that students will be able to connect to with their own devices. If you are considering sending your child to school with their own device, please ensure that your child knows how to handle and care for their device. Also consider sending a power charger as sometimes students need to recharge their devices throughout the day.