



Denver Christian School is proud to announce a pilot year of Bring Your Own Device (*Connected Learning Program*) for 2016 - 2017!

Introduction to the Connected Learning Program

Denver Christian School will pilot a **Bring Your Own Device** (*Connected Learning Program*) in the middle school and the high school beginning fall 2016. In this exciting initiative, students will be ***strongly encouraged*** (*not required*) to bring their own device to school on a daily basis to enrich their learning experiences. Throughout the '16-'17 school year we will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness. Assuming all goes well with the pilot program, devices will be considered part of the required school supplies starting fall 2017. The Connected Learning Program will come alongside our current curriculum to enhance what we are already doing educationally to help provide the best academic experience for our students.

Overview of the Connected Learning Program

As Denver Christian continues to prepare tomorrow's workforce with 21st century skills, the shift towards eLearning becomes increasingly significant. Since DC has the infrastructure to support many wireless devices, encouraging our students to bring their own devices will give our teachers access to immediate technology integration in our classrooms.

Denver Christian will continue to offer a well-rounded education that includes reaching students with a variety of media and curriculum, preparing them to participate in this technological world with a Biblical worldview. We believe that *Connected Learning Program* is a new avenue of communication, and would be used as a tool to deepen the relational aspect between teacher-student, student-student, as well as student-world. Denver Christian will work to provide the same curriculum in all sections of our current classes, use professional development throughout the school year to continue to equip our innovative teachers to teach using 21st Century technologies, and allow students to use their own devices to enhance their learning and engagement in the learning process. Another benefit to this Connected Learning Program is that it allows our students to take more ownership of their learning.

With a wide variety of personal mobile devices, successful Connected Learning Program implementation makes use of platform-independent tools. Web-based applications work on most platforms and can accommodate common software needs, including photo editing and multimedia presentations. To prevent file compatibility issues, Connected Learning Program programs are most effective when they use cloud-based online storage for sharing and collaboration that works on all devices.

Technology use will greatly enhance literacy and competency in performing, networking and negotiating skills that are required in the workforce. In addition, DCS is deeply committed to teaching digital citizenship in order to enable students to honor God and respect others.

Please visit the [Connected Learning Program web page on My DC](#) for details and recommendations for devices. Here is a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Denver Christian School *Bring Your Own Device* program.