

# BYOD Readiness Assessment

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## Highlights

- Understanding student, teacher and parent expectations
  - Meeting the demands of tomorrow
  - Planning is critical to ensure success
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Although consumer technology advances are nothing new, what has changed is the push to leverage smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices in the classroom. As the consumerization of IT ushers in the *bring-your-own-device* (BYOD) era, students and teachers expect a flexible classroom, with fast access to applications and information from virtually anywhere and on any device.

## Understanding the need

The purpose of the BYOD Readiness Assessment is to focus on those components related to making effective use of your BYOD program and devices and determining how prepared the district and individual schools are for BYOD. Without this analysis, hidden perceptions, barriers and roadblocks may delay the success of the initiative.

This assessment examines the essential components of your BYOD program related to effective use in the classroom and provides a Readiness Assessment of each component. This Readiness Assessment is used to determine when a district can move forward with BYOD. As part of this assessment, surveys, interviews and focus group sessions are held with key stakeholders (students, principals, parents, and district staff) to determine if:

- Stakeholders understand and agree that a BYOD program will enhance the learning environment
- The majority of stakeholders agree that the district should proceed with a BYOD program
- The majority of teachers will embrace student devices in their classroom



- The majority of students, for the grades impacted by the BYOD program, have a device and want to bring that device to school
- The majority of parents, for students in the grades impacted by the BYOD program, support their child in bringing their device to school

### Why IBM?

We leverage our intellectual capital, assets and best practices to help you determine how BYOD computing can best serve your educational needs. Based on first-hand experience with numerous client BYOD engagements, you can gain the information you need to make strategic decisions on when and where to implement a BYOD strategy in your district.

Once you know you are ready, IBM's BYOD Implementation Planning engagement is recommended to help you create a detailed plan to maximize the effectiveness of the BYOD initiative.

### For more information

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