



## YOSS Student Technology Standard

Dear Parents ECC-Grade 8,

We ask that you partner with us to maintain a technology standard that all of our talmidim can be comfortable with.

- ❖ Education is essential. We have implemented programs to educate our talmidim about safe technology use, as well as parent education sessions.
- ❖ We strongly discourage talmidim from having their own smartphone (or personal internet device).
- ❖ Such devices cannot be used (used/seen/heard/etc.) on school premises at any time. This includes dismissal, when talmidim are waiting in front of the yeshiva. There will be an office phone available for them to contact you at dismissal.
- ❖ Smart watches are not allowed to be worn/used/seen/etc, and are treated exactly the same as smartphones. This includes any smart watch/Fitbit/ etc. which CAN connect to a phone or the internet through Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or cellular data, regardless of whether the watch IS currently connected or not.
- ❖ If for whatever reason you decide that your son *should* have such a device for out of school use, please adhere to the following set of guidelines:
  - Device should be brought to [Smart Connections](#),\* and restricted to the following minimum standard:
    - Restrict (or filter) browser
    - Restrict all social media, with the exception of direct texting (such as what's-app)
    - Restrict all apps and games rated 17+
  - This is a minimum standard only. Smart Connections will work with you to customize a standard to your specifications.
- ❖ Given the abundance of, and easy access to inappropriate content on the internet, please ensure that all internet devices in your home, that your son can access, should also be restricted to the above standard. We continue to see negative effects of video games on our talmidim. We ask you that you be mindful of the time and nature of the video games your children are exposed to.

\* ([Smart connections](#) is a free service for the community: 577 Willow Avenue, Cedarhurst, 516-247-1907, [SmartConnectionsNY.com](#))

We understand that there are some parents who have the technical know-how to properly restrict their child's device on their own, and don't need **Smart Connections** to set the restrictions. Even so, we ask that you use Smart Connections in order to create a uniform standard for all students. Please be sure to inform them that your son is a YOSS talmid as we will be in contact with them throughout the year.



**COME IN AND SEE WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU!**

**Get Proactive - Get Protected!**

Get the tools you need to keep your devices  
secure, protected, and under control.

smart  
**CONNECTIONS**  
RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS

This is the new smart.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

**5-TH 9:15AM - 1:00PM** FOR WALK-INS

**M-TH 7:00PM - 9:00PM** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**IN MAPLE PLAZA ALLEY BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE  
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