Student Chromebook Program 2024/25

An Introduction

The Wappingers Central School District is excited to continue the expansion of our student chromebook program for the 2024/25 school year.

This year we will be providing a Chromebook to each of our students in grades 7 through 12 to help facilitate collaboration and learning in the classroom.

The Chromebooks are to be used as a learning tool across all subject areas. The use of a variety of apps and Internet resources allows students to digitally communicate, collaborate, engage in content, and create in the classroom and at home.

Student Expectations

The use of a Chromebook is a privilege extended to students for use inside and outside of school. All devices are the property of the Wappingers Central School District and are loaned to the students for the duration of the school year.

- Students will be expected to charge the device every evening. The battery life of a device should last the duration of the school day.

- Students will be expected to bring their device to school every day.

Student Expectations

Every student will be provided with a device, a charger, and a protective case.

- Devices should remain in their protective cases at all times. Cases **SHOULD NOT** be removed for any reason. They are there to protect the device from damage and should not be tampered with.

- If your device comes in for repair and does not have a protective case, you will be billed for a new protective case even if you do have insurance.

- Only district-issue accounts will work on the device. Students should not be using a personal account on a school device.

Student Expectations

- The devices are filtered through the school district. However, supervision is still recommended in school and home as the use of a filter is never a guarantee and no monitoring solution is 100% fool proof.

- Students who knowingly attempt to bypass the district web filters through the use of a VPN or other methods will have this privilege revoked.

GoGuardian

The district will be using GoGuardian during the school day to manage student Chromebook use in the classroom.

GoGuardian allows the classroom teacher to monitor student activity in real-time while providing the teacher with additional tools to assist the student such as the ability to open/close tabs on the student's device, lock the student's screen during verbal instructions, push out links to the entire class, annotate on a student's screen while providing guidance from across the room.

GoGuardian only works during the assigned class period. Teachers cannot access the student's device outside of that period at any time or for any reason.

Students who knowingly attempt to bypass GoGuardian will be reported to building administration.

Device Protection

Every device has a manufacturer's warranty that will protect the device from manufacturing defects.

THIS DOES NOT PROTECT THE DEVICE FROM NEGLIGENCE, ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE OR MALICIOUS ACTS.

The manufacturer's warranty does not cover:
- Broken Screens
- Damaged Keyboards (missing keys)
- Water Damage
- Broken Hinges
- Lost Devices
- Lost/Missing Cases

Device Protection

Parents may purchase supplemental insurance through the Worth Ave Group Insurance Program at a cost of $29 per year per device.

Supplemental Insurance will cover:
- Accidental Damage (drops or spills)
- Cracked Screens
- Liquid Submersion
- Fire, Flood, & Natural Disasters
- Power Surge (lightning damage)
- Theft and Vandalism (**a police report is required**)

Device Protection

If a family opts out of the insurance and the student damages the device, the district will bill the family for the cost of the repair.

During the 2023/24 school year, households were billed **$23,226.50** for damaged devices.

The average cost per repair ticket: **$89.68**

Cost of Insurance: $29 per device per year.

Device Protection

- The student whom the Chromebook is assigned, is responsible for the care, maintenance, and payment for any damage charges incurred.

- In the event another student may have caused the damage, the student to whom the Chromebook is assigned should report the incident to a building Administrator ASAP so the matter can be investigated further.

- Non-payment for damage charges may result in inability to take Chromebook home or extended use of loaner devices.

Device Protection

Insurance can be purchased at:

https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/wappingerscsd

The deadline to purchase coverage is October 31, 2024

(New students entering the district after October 31st, will have the opportunity to purchase insurance at a prorated fee once they receive their device.)

Parent Tips

- Provide place to charge student Chromebooks, ideally outside of bedroom (limit distractions).

- Stress importance of taking care of Chromebook and bringing it in charged every day.

- Get a sense of how much screen time is too much (sometimes reading/writing on paper can be more effective).

- Know your kid! Some need a more public space to work on assignments without distractions.

Parent Tips

- Balance of involvement: Knowing what your child is working on while nurturing his/her independence.

- Model good screen usage and digital etiquette as much as possible.

- It's harder to tell what students are working on when they're on a laptop (don't hesitate to ask).

- Encourage students to take initiative in contacting teachers with questions; find a healthy balance in terms of checking grades.

Student Help

If your student is having a problem with their device, please have them visit their Computer Lab TA as soon as possible.

They will assist you with:
- Account Issues
- Damaged Device
- Malfunctioning Device
- Insurance/Non-Insurance Repairs
- Loaner Devices (for those devices out for repair only)

Additional Information

Additional Information relating to the Student Chromebook Program as well as the district's Technology Support Services can be found on the district's website.

Go to http://www.wappingersschools.org → Departments → Technology Support Services

This presentation as well as other related forms, information, board policies, etc. are provided on our website.

If you have additional comments, questions, or concerns please contact the district's technology department via email at:

parent.portal@wcsdny.org

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