



### **The Why for Our Communities**

- Every student deserves access to a computer in and out of the classroom, no matter their age, what school they attend, or their socioeconomic status.
- Assigning computers to individual students and sending devices home encourages a sense of responsibility over the device and personal learning.
- This policy aligns with district priorities to amplify student voice and student advocacy for learning, leadership, and empowerment.
- This extends learning outside the school day, in preparation for middle and high school, post-secondary education, and the workforce.
- This allows participation in Summer Programs, Extended Learning Opportunities, tutoring, self-exploration, and self-expression.
- Think of the Chromebook like any other school supply. Students take books, paper, pencils, erasers, binders, and more back and forth from school to home. Without access, students don't have what they need for their learning journey.

### **What the MyTech Program Provides to Students and Schools**

- The MyTech program provided devices to all K-12 grade students during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Devices will transfer from graduating seniors to incoming kindergartners during the 2022-2023 school year, continuing to provide devices for all students.
- Schools have 5% buffer inventory to provide for new students or as loaner devices.
- The MyTech program will continue to monitor Chromebook inventory across the district, reducing school budget impact for maintaining a 1:1 ratio.
- District-provided technology support for device repair and replacement.

### **Costs for Device Repair**

With students having access to a district Chromebook, they are also responsible for the care and use of these devices. Accidents happen — there is a fee structure in place to support the repair and replacement of Chromebooks as needed.

Students are responsible for any fees related to their district Chromebooks. If they need a replacement device while theirs is sent in for repair, they should contact their School Tech Representative/Partner. Please refer to the linked MyTech Device Agreement below for more information and students' responsibilities for using district Chromebooks. All families completed this during registration.

- [MyTech Device Agreement](#)
- [MyTech Fee Structure](#)



MyTech Fee Structure			
Accidental Damage	Intentional Damage*	Loss	
Chromebook	Chromebook	Chromebook	Accessories: Chargers or Hotspots
\$25	\$25 - \$280	\$280	\$20
*Damage fee determined by repair tech based on required replacement parts/ device replacement.			
Fees may be paid on an alternative payment plan or waived, based on need, at schools' discretion.			

### Family FAQ

#### How do we care for the Chromebook at home?

- Remember to have a place to charge the device every night, so that students do not have the device in their room, and so that it is ready for the next school day.
- Remember to put the Chromebook in the backpack and leave the charger at home.
- Set routines, expectations and rules about when and how the device should be used in your home. [A family technology plan: how to make one](#)
  - To get started, you could think about three simple questions:
    - Who is using the technology and what are their responsibilities?
    - Where can they use it?
    - When can they use it?

#### How do we support Digital Citizenship and digital literacy?

- We use [Common Sense Media](#) lessons to support creating good Digital Citizens. There are great resources for parents on this site to help with social media, digital citizenship, age appropriateness of sites, movies and apps.
- [Common Sense Family Media Agreement \(English\)](#)
- [Common Sense Family Media Agreement \(Spanish\)](#)

#### What do we do if we don't have Internet access at our home?

- Please contact your school and they will be able to provide you with a hotspot for Internet access for your student's Chromebook.

#### What if we do not want the Chromebook at our home?

- We want students to have access to learning at home and beyond the four walls of the school. This Chromebook is protected by Internet-filtering by our district, no matter its location, and our filtering software is likely more restrictive than other



devices at home. Discuss this with your school's leader or School Tech Representative.

### What is screen time and how does it connect to learning?

- To help children make the most of digital technology, it's important to move beyond 'screen time'. Screen time was a useful idea when screens were mostly TVs, and children just sat in front of them. Now children use technology to learn, create, play, be active and more. So when your child asks, 'Can I have some screen time?', a good answer can be, 'What do you want to do? And why?'
- Videos and Resources to Support:
  - [Beyond Screen Time, Children in a Digital World](#)
  - [Using screen time to encourage physical activity \(3-11\)](#)
  - [Shared screen time: why it's good for you and your child](#)
  - [Screen time: checklist for healthy use](#)
  - [Guiding Principles for Use of Technology with Early Learners](#)

### What if our child's Chromebook stops working during the summer?

- For any issues with your child's Chromebook, please contact the Department of Technology Services (DoTS) Student and Family Tech Support line at 720-423-3163.

### Where can I find more resources?

- [DPS Elementary Take Home Policy \(2022\)](#)
- [Parent Technology Resources](#)
- [What Families Need to Know: Summer and School Year 22/23](#)