



USD 357 Technology Parent Meeting

August 21, 2017



What we will talk about today

- Goals of 1:1 Initiative
- Devices and accessories
- Technology Fee
- Damage, theft or loss
- Equipment Care
- Parent tips
- School Communication



Goals of 1:1 Initiative

- ❖ Common technology device for all students
- ❖ Achieve technological proficiency and literacy.
- ❖ Increase communication between students and teachers
- ❖ Improve writing and research skills
- ❖ Increase access to resources
- ❖ Improve school-home connection
- ❖ Foster communication, collaboration and creativity skills
- ❖ Personalized learning environment for every student
- ❖ Increase student engagement



Devices and Accessories

Middle School Students

Chromebook

Work-in Bag

Replacement cost \$220

High School Students

Macbook Air

Carry Bag

Replacement cost \$785



Technology Fee

- Annual fee for student to access the device
- The fee assists in costs of maintenance and upkeep of the devices
- The fee is also a self-insurance program the school has for their technology investment

Middle School tech fee is \$45.00/year

High School tech fee is \$65.00/year



Damage, theft or loss

- Students will report any damage or loss to administration immediately.
- In the event the device is accidentally damaged there could be a deductible charge to student/parent
 - up to \$50.00 for a middle school student
 - up to \$100.00 for a high school student
- USD 357 will handle repairs or replacements.



Damage, theft or loss

- If the technology is stolen or vandalized, contact administration immediately and a police report will be filed on the incident.
- Failure to report the stolen or vandalized equipment may result in student/parent owing full replacement cost.
- HS Macbook Air and bag - \$785.00
- MS Chromebook and bag - \$220.00



Equipment Care

Keep away from food, drinks and pets

Clean the screen with a soft, dry anti-static cloth or with a screen cleaner designed specifically for LCD type screens only


Bring the device charged every day to school

Carry the device in the school supplied bag

Report any problems, damage or theft immediately

School profiles, software and settings must not be tampered with on the device

Have guidelines for hours, activities and placement of the devices



Tips for health and safety

- Take frequent breaks when using the Chromebook/Macbook Air for long periods of time. Look away from the screen approximately every fifteen minutes.
- Do not provide your personal information to anyone over the Internet.
- Do not share your passwords with anyone.
- Keep the Chromebook/Macbook Air in a secure location when it is not at school.



Tips for parents

BE PRESENT in their digital world: Get In Their Business

Look at their work

Ask them to show you what they are doing

Monitor their social use

What information is being shared

What kind of manners are used

Who are the people they are communicating with



Filtering

Please note the school provides content filtering on its network at school.

While at home the school does not filter the Internet content the students access.

The middle school chromebooks should have google safe search enforced while at home, which should return more protected internet results but may not be 100% effective.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their student's usage of their devices.

Talk with your child about values and standards they should follow on the Internet.



Tips for parents

Youtube Browsing History
[Myactivity.google.com](https://myactivity.google.com)

View student browsing history

Chromebook - Ctrl + H will show history page

Macbook - Safari and Chrome both have a History menu on top bar



Parent resources

[Common Sense Media](#)

[Netsmartz for Parents](#)

[Protecting Kids Online](#)

[Common Sense media - online privacy](#)



School Communication

www.usd357.org

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

School Messenger - contact your school office to request to be included on school alerts, text messages, emails and phone reminders.

Thank you for attending.
Please reach out when
you have questions.

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