

## **Milford Area Public Schools 1:1 Computing Parental Program Explanation**

Dear Chromebook 1:1 Students and Parents/Guardians:

Milford Area Public Schools District #124 has implemented Google Chromebooks for our 1:1 initiative. These computers run the Chrome operating system. Files are saved to the "cloud" using wireless internet. Students are not allowed to download anything from the Chrome store to their Chromebooks. Applications needed will be managed by the IT Department.

Devices will remain in the classroom for K-4th grade students. All other students are allowed to carry their Chromebook back and forth between school and home. Your student will leave their AC charger cord at home, recharging their Chromebook every night just like "homework". The district will provide a protective case for each Chromebook. If your student will be transporting their computer, you may choose from the following two options:

### OPTION #1: Agreement to purchase Chromebook insurance:

1. Your cost will be a \$25.00 insurance premium that you will pay the school as the school pays the premium to the company. (This will not cover lost power cords. There is an additional \$25 to replace a charger cord.)
2. We encourage all families to choose this option. Your child will have homework and textbooks that will use their Chromebook. Please understand that unlimited damage to a Chromebook is not covered by this insurance.
3. The Chromebook insurance will need to be paid at registration or by October 1 of each school year.

### OPTION #2: Declining the insurance option:

1. You will not pay a \$25.00 insurance premium if you decline the insurance. You will be liable for all repair costs and the full cost of a replacement Chromebook (**\$329.00**) per occurrence. This is similar to textbook damage.

### User Fee:

All students with home privileges (grades 5-12) will pay a User Fee of \$25 per year. That fee will be ported from school year to school year as long as the student experiences two or less damages in every school year. Three damages will trigger the release of the User Fee and trigger the necessity of a new User Fee for the following year. Additionally, it will trigger a repeated billing of damage repair for the fourth damage event, fifth, and so on.

We encourage you to sign up for the insurance option. Choosing the insurance option will cover you for 100% of accidental damage, whether at home or at school. This will cover damage for two events. Even if your student is K-4th grade, you will be covered! Also, please consider the theft or vandalism coverage for \$25.00.

Thanks for your support of District #124.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sobkoviak  
MGS Principal

Stephen Totheroh  
MHS Principal

Colin Flaherty  
MGS/MHS Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT: Please return the Chromebook Agreement Signature Form located in your registration packet.

**Student/Parent Agreement and Permission for Use of  
District-Owned Computing Device**

The Student and his/her Parent/Guardian understand and agree as follows:

The Student will be issued a Chromebook by District #124 ("the School District") for the Student's use during the school day (provided that this Agreement is signed and returned).

The computer is and remains the property of the School District.

The Parent/Guardian hereby grants permission for the Student to use the computer.

Students are required to comply with this Agreement, Board Policy 6:3235/6z235-E1/62235-E3/6:235-E4/61235-E5/6r235 and the School District's Technology Use Guidelines set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. Students will be subject to loss of Chromebook privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action for any violation of those requirements, or for any inappropriate use of the District-owned computers.

The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate that the Student and the Parent/Guardian have read this Agreement carefully and understand its significance.

Students have no expectation of privacy in the use of District-owned computers. In addition, the Student and the Parent/Guardian hereby expressly consent to monitoring and inspection by school officials. Files stored and information accessed, downloaded, or transferred are not private. Computers and accounts are subject to inspection at any time, without notice (including but not limited to emails, messages or files sent or received using the District's Internet connection, and/or messages or files stored on the chromebook).

The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this Agreement.

Computer Use in addition to the above terms and conditions:

- a. Students must keep their District-issued computers secure and damage free.
- b. Chromebook damage guidelines:
  1. First damage: district repair
  2. Second damage: district repair
  3. Third damage and beyond: district repair, student reimburse for repair and, a loss of privilege to take the Chromebook home for the remainder of the school year.
- c. Do not loan your computer or charger and cords.

- d. Do not leave the computer in a vehicle.
- e. Do not leave the computer unattended.
- f. Do not eat or drink while using the computer or have food or drinks in close proximity to the computer.
- g. Do not allow pets near the computer.
- h. Do not place the computer on the floor or in sitting areas such as couches or chairs.
- i. Do not leave the computer near table or desk edges.
- j. Do not stack objects on top of the computer.
- k. Do not leave the computer outside or use it near water such as a pool.
- l. Do not check the computer as luggage at the airport.
- m. Students must follow copyright laws and should only download/import music or other files to District owned computer. If the student is authorized or legally permitted to reproduce the material, or if the student has the copyright for the material.
- n. Student may not download and/or install any programs, files, or games from the internet or other sources onto any District owned Computers.
- o. Students are prohibited from tampering with the computer hardware or software.
- p. Unauthorized entry into computers is prohibited.
- q. Vandalism or destruction of the computer or computer files is prohibited. Damage to computers may result in criminal charges.
- r. Students are prohibited from overriding, bypassing, or otherwise changing the internet filtering software or other network configurations.
- s. Students must use District-owned computers for school-related purposes only.
- t. Students may not make use of materials or attempt to locate materials that are unacceptable in a school setting. This includes, but is not limited to pornographic, obscene, graphically violent, or vulgar images, sounds, music, language, video or other materials. The criteria for acceptability is demonstrated in the types of material made available to students by administrators, teachers, and the school media center. Specifically, any computer used at school and on any school property or at a school activity should be free at all times of any pornographic, obscene, graphically violent, or vulgar images, sounds, music, language, video or other materials (files). For example, YouTube videos.
- u. Students may NOT connect personal technology devices for bona fide education purposes or any purposes to District-owned and maintained local, wide, or metro area network; however, such devices may not interfere with the operation of said networks. Connection of personal devices such as laptops, iPods, smartphones, PDAs and printers, though permitted, is not

- supported by District technical staff.
- v. Home internet use is the responsibility of the Student both in cost and configuration. Computers can be connected only to WiFi (wireless) networks.
  - w. Students have no expectation of privacy with regard to a District-owned computer. Upon request by school personnel, Students must make the computer available for inspection (including any messages or files stored on the computer and/or any messages or files sent or received using the District's internet connection.
  - x. Students will understand that leaning against their book bag with their Chromebook in it will cause breakage. Book bags need to be taken off and held on their laps while riding any motorized vehicle. All students will receive a Chromebook bag with the expectation that when not in use it is stored or carried in the school issued bag.
  - y. Although the District feels that the use of the Chromebook is as important as a textbook however, any continual inappropriate use of the Chromebook can be grounds for the removal of Chromebook privileges for any length of time.

We agree to abide by the conditions listed above and assume responsibility for the care and proper use of the District-owned computer. We understand and agree that the District is not responsible for any loss resulting from computer errors, delays, lost data, or service interruptions. We understand that if we fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement, use of the computer may be revoked. Furthermore, we understand that the Student may be subject to disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

As the parent/guardian, my signature indicates that I have read and understand this Agreement, that I agree to its terms, and that I give permission for my child to use the District-owned computer.

This Agreement is valid through the end of the school year.

As the Parent/Guardian of the Student, I understand as follows.

- a. The Student will be issued a computing device by Milford Area Public Schools District #124 ("the School District"), for the Student's use during the school day (provided that the Student/Parent Agreement and Permission for Use of District-Owned Computing Device is signed and returned.)
- b. The computing device is and remains the property of the School District.

I agree to the following:

1. I will pay the insurance premium of \$25.00 for the **2022-23** school term.
2. If the device is damaged, the purchased insurance will cover the cost of the repair.
3. If the device is lost, stolen or destroyed, I agree to pay the cost of replacing the device up to **\$329.00** (as determined by the Board of Education on an annual basis).
4. I understand that the district is offering families the option of purchasing 3rd-party insurance coverage for the device to cover theft or vandalism (when documented with a police report), pursuant to the coverage scope and limits provided by the insurance policy. If I do not purchase this optional coverage, I understand that I am responsible for replacing the device up to **\$329.00** (as determined by the Board of Education on an annual basis).
5. I acknowledge that the Student is responsible for how the computing device is used, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless District #124 (and its Board of Education, Board members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents) against and from any claims, demands, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from or in connection with the student's use of the computing device.