

Narragansett Schools Laptop Roll out



Laptop Usage Agreement

- The laptop is the property of the Narragansett School System
- It is intended for educational use
- Usage is a privilege and not a right
- Responsible Use and Expectations of Care should be read carefully and followed



Laptop Expectations and Policies

- Bring your laptop to school **charged** each day so the battery will last the school day.
- Do not share your device with other students
- Always keep the laptop in its protective cover
- Treat it as if it was your own



Laptop Expectations and Policies

- The device must be kept reasonably clean. Use an anti-static cloth to clean the screen and an air duster to clean the keyboard. Devices **should not** be sprayed directly with cleaners
- The laptop is subject to inspection at any time
- Understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using the district network and devices



Consequences for Misuse

- Narragansett School System believes that the laptop will become essential to everyday classroom learning. If inappropriate or unethical behavior is found, privileges may be suspended accordingly
- Student laptop usage will be monitored electronically through the school's network
- Internet browsing done from home can also be monitored



Laptop Expectations and Policies (Parents)

- Monitor students at home
- Read and follow the guidelines and policies found on the district website on the 1:1 informational page
- It is recommended that parents should establish home guidelines for device and Internet use
- Know your students password
- Nothing on the laptop will be “private”
- Student laptops at home will be filtered the same way they are at school. Inappropriate material will be blocked



Theft Protection

- Keep your laptop under control at all times and always know where it is
- Don't leave it in your car or locker if it is not locked
- If the device is stolen report it immediately to the local police and come back to school with the pertinent information from the police report
- Clear negligence may not be covered by insurance



Breakage and Repair

- The insurance will cover the costs of breakage and repair. It may not cover situations of clear negligence or intentional misuse
- Students will be given a loaner while their device is being fixed
- Laptops should be repaired by the district only and not brought to a third party
- A broken laptop will not be an acceptable excuse for not doing schoolwork



21ST Century Skills

Managing your personal mobile environment...safely



21ST Century Skills: Data

- Back up your data(school server, google drive, flash drive or other)
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to backup your data
- If a computer is serviced, you may lose data from the laptops local drive
- All important documents should be saved to at least two locations



21ST Century Skills: Digital Citizenship

All students are expected to be good digital citizens

- Ethical
- Moral
- Legal
- Respectful



21ST Century Skills: Power

- Charge overnight using a surge protector
- Use mobile computing practices to conserve battery
 - ✓ Reduce number of open apps
 - ✓ Dim the screen
 - ✓ Use only what is needed at a given time
 - ✓ Operates best between 50 and 95 degrees F
 - ✓ Don't leave DVDs or CDS in the laptop
- The DVD drive uses a lot of energy, try to plug in when using this drive



21ST Century Skills: Safety

- Don't leave your laptop unattended
- Don't leave it where temps will be very hot or very cold(car overnight for example)
- Don't feed it
- Don't water it
- Don't place things on top of it that could cause damage



21ST Century Skills: Cleaning

- Use microfiber cloths to clean screens
- If your computer needs extensive cleaning, bring it to one of the district's tech staff
- Don't use any harsh solvents or cleaners
- Don't spray the laptop directly with cleaners
- For more info go to:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Take-Good-Care-of-Your-Laptop-Computer>



21ST Century Skills: Care@School and home

- Use both hands when carrying the device
- Carry the device with the lid closed
- Use the device on a solid, sturdy surface
- Make sure device is properly stored in a backpack or bag so it is not crushed or bent



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing this 1:1 program?

A. We are moving into a new digital era at our schools. The district is implementing a Digital Learning Environment to give teachers and students the tools to personalize learning and to develop skills and competencies through individualized teaching and learning that emphasizes the use of innovative technology and hands-on instruction, while building meaningful real-world application. All students will have the access and support needed to attain the academic, social, emotional, career readiness and digital citizenship knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to be successful in the 21st century. As more and more of content, books/curriculum, and learning moves to the Internet we want to keep pace with our students so they are ready and actively engaged in and out of school.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

If I can't make one of the roll out dates to get my device then what?

A. First off, the three roll out dates are for the distribution of devices for grades 5-8 only. The fourth and high school grades will be distributed in school in the fall. With that in mind, we want to make every effort possible to get as many of the 5th - 8th grade devices rolled out in these three days. That being said we realize that this may not work for everyone. For those who miss the initial rollouts, we will have to make additional arrangements with them to get the device.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

How does the insurance work and how much is it?

A. The insurance should be signed up and paid for at the time the device is assigned. It is highly recommended for all parents to get the insurance as it covers the device for theft, breakage, and other types of damage. If insurance is not purchased, parents will be financially responsible for these things. Like any insurance, deliberate negligence will not be covered by insurance. This first year, we are rolling out 5 different models of laptops so the insurance will vary from 24.00 to 54.00 dollars per year depending on the device assigned. This specific info will go home with our end of the year packets about 1:1. Efforts will be made to lower costs for year 2.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

Will my child keep the same device from year to year and over the summer?

A. Yes. Once the device is assigned, the students will keep the devices with them either for the life of the machine or until a different device is assigned. Exceptions may occur if the devices need to be serviced or updated in a major way.

When my child graduates can they keep the device?

A. In the early stages of our program it will depend on the age of the device. If it is 3 years old or newer it will need to be returned and will be put back into the program. Eventually, when we get to the point where 9th graders are getting a device and using it through the 12th grade, when they graduate they will have the option of getting the device for a nominal fee to be determined based on the value of the device.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

Who owns these devices?

A. Although the students will have and use the computers, the district retains ownership of all of the 1:1 devices. Because they are district owned, the Internet will be filtered on these devices according to our policy at all times including when they are home. This is required by federal law and the Children's Internet Protection Act. This protection should not be turned off or bypassed for any reason.

Can the students install software on their device?

A. The devices will come with any of the software necessary for the educational purpose it was designed for. Students will not have admin access to the laptop and will not be able to install software on their own.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

What will I do if I don't have Internet at home?

A. We realize that everyone may not currently have Internet access at home. We will be sending home some information about <http://everyoneon.org> that helps to get Low cost Internet access to families that need it. Also, school, library, and any other free Wi-Fi access spots will be available to students that do not have access at home. Internet access at home is not a requirement and we will be looking at ways of improving this access where gaps exist as we move forward.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

What happens to the device if my child no longer attends Narragansett Schools?

A. The devices are property of Narragansett Schools so when the student is no longer with us, they will need to return the device to the school in question before they leave. Any devices that are not turned in will be pursued by the district accordingly.

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This entire presentation and the Narragansett Schools Responsible Use Policy and Guidelines can be found on the district website under technology through the 1:1 Program Information

