

Hudson Public Schools

Protocol for the Use of District Issued Devices for Students in Grades K-12

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, students attending Hudson Public Schools will be provided a district issued Chromebook or iPad starting in the fall of 2020. The district has created a rollout schedule which is posted on the district's website.

Definition of Device

For the purposes of this project, "device" means a district issued Chromebook or iPad. It should be noted that the device has multimedia capabilities including the ability to (1) create and access word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and pdf documents; (2) access the Internet via wireless access points including video; (3) capture and record images, sound, and video; and (4) storing materials in a cloud environment.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while in school. Students will have the capability to setup and access their wireless network at home. While using the device in the home it is the responsibility of the students and parents to follow the district's Acceptable Use Policy and guidelines concerning Digital Citizenship.

Security and Damages

Responsibility for keeping the device secure rests with the individual student. Hudson Public Schools and its employees are not liable for any device which is stolen or damaged. Students at the high school and middle school are provided lockers with locks. It is recommended that students lock their device in a locked locker. If a device is stolen or damaged, the matter will be handled through the administrative office in the same manner that the theft or damage of other district owned property is handled. Additionally, depending upon the grade level, students will be carrying the device between home and school. It is recommended that students have a backpack or other protective sleeve for devices to help prevent damage to the district issued Chromebook or iPad. Students may also want to consider bringing their own stylus and their own headphones/earbuds with a built in microphone. Students are reminded that if their devices contain any personal, private, or confidential information, they should take steps to secure their devices at all times. In particular Hudson Public Schools has no liability for the loss or compromising of any such information and security of the device is at all times the sole responsibility of the student.

1:1 Student Agreement

The use of a device to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his/her device while at school. When abused, including but not limited to

violations of this protocol and of any of the School Committee policies incorporated herein, privileges will be taken away (in addition to penalties set forth in the School Committee policies incorporated herein and in related handbook provisions for violation of those policies). When used properly and respectfully, these devices will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in this program must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all School Committee policies. In particular, and without limitation, use of devices pursuant to this protocol shall comply at all times with Hudson School Committee Policy IJNDB, "Internet Acceptable Use Policy"/Policy IJNDB-E, "Elementary Internet Safety Policy and Rules for Using School Computers, and with Hudson School Committee Policy JICFB, "Anti-Bullying" [copies are available on the district's website]. In addition, the device:

- Must be in silent mode or used by means of headphones while on school campus.
- May be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours for school assignments **only** with positive intent and with the with the person's express knowledge and consent.
- Cannot be used in school to photograph, film, or otherwise record images or the voice of any person at any time and in any location without that person's express knowledge or consent. Clandestine or concealed use of the device to photograph, film or record the images or voice of another person is expressly forbidden. The sole exception to this requirement is for activities which are explicitly directed by the teacher and which are specifically linked to the curriculum. If a parent does not want a student to appear in these types of activities, he/she must fill out the Hudson Public Schools' Picture Restriction form and return it to the school's main office. Otherwise, consent will be assumed.
- May be used to access files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum only.

Students and parents acknowledge, understand, and agree that:

- The device, Internet, and network will be used for **educational purposes only**.
- Websites, apps, and programs that are appropriate for the student's age level will be accessed.
- Teachers will determine the specific manner in which the device will be used including frequency, tasks, and activities.
- The school's content filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass this software.
- Bringing on campus, or infecting the network with, a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of School Committee Policy IJNDB/IJNDB-E.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of School Committee Policy IJNDB/IJNDB-E.
- The school or district has the right to collect and examine any device at any time.
- Communication tools (i.e. email, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, etc.) will be used for educational purposes only and with teacher/parent consent.
- Students should select only appropriate screensavers and desktop backgrounds for an educational setting.

- Rights of copyright owners must be respected and work not plagiarized. Credit must be given to the author(s) of published work.
- Guidelines will be set concerning the printing from devices while at school.
- Devices must be charged prior to being brought to school. The device is required to run on its own battery power while at school. Students who leave their device at home or whose device is not charged may be determined to be unprepared for class by the teacher and will have to complete work as best as they can without their device. Students are responsible for all work they are unable to complete due to not having their device. The district will not provide devices for students who leave their device at home nor will charging stations be available during the school day.
- The HPS Technology Department and school personnel will provide support to district-issued devices.
- Students and families are responsible for returning the district-issued Chromebook or iPad, power supply, and any other equipment issued with the Chromebook and iPad to the school office when:
 - A student transfers or withdraws any time during the school year.
 - Students at the elementary level complete grade 1 and grade 4.
 - The lease cycle ends for Grade 5 (at the end of grade 8) and 9 (at the end of grade 12).
Graduating seniors will return their district-issued Chromebook during Senior week.
 - Failure to turn in the Chromebook or iPad will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost for the Chromebook or iPad. There will also be a charge for any missing peripheral equipment such as the power supply. The District may also file a report of stolen property with the local law enforcement agency for equipment not returned.

I understand and will abide by the above protocol and the policies incorporated herein. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Print Student Name

Student Year of Graduation

Student Signature

Date

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date