

Grand Forks Public Schools

Personal Student Learning Devices - Chromebooks

2019-2020 Parent-Student Contract



Grand Forks Public Schools will be entering into the 10th year of the Personal Student Learning Device initiative also known as PSLD or 1:1. The PSLD initiative directly supports 21st century learning goals set forth by the Grand Forks Public Schools strategic plan. All students in grades 4-8 will be assigned a Chromebook. The Chromebook is another educational tool, like a textbook or notebook, intended to support the individual learning needs of every student. Please review the important information in this document and the detailed version at http://bit.ly/gfps_cb_contract before considering the Device Projection Plan option on page 3 and signing the contract on page 4.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 Receiving your device:** Parents and students in grades 4-8 must sign this contract in order to take the device home.
- 1.2 Returning your device:** Devices and power supplies will be turned in at the end of the school year.
- 1.3 School Internet Access:** Wireless network access is available throughout the school.
- 1.4 Home Internet Access:** Students are encouraged to connect to home networks and wireless hotspots. School and district technical support staff are not responsible for supporting or troubleshooting connectivity to home networks. Contact your Internet service provider for troubleshooting and assistance.

2.0 CARE OF THE DEVICE

- 2.1 General Precautions:** Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the device to prevent damage. Devices must never be left in an unlocked locker, unlocked car or in an unattended area.
- 2.2 Carrying devices:** A protective carrying case (i.e. neoprene sleeve) is required to carry the device at all times. A protective carrying case is available for purchase at your school office during registration, open house, or throughout the year during normal business hours.
- 2.3 Screen Care:** The device screens can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment.
- 2.4 Device Identification:** The serial number and Grand Forks Public Schools asset tag number identify student devices.
- 2.5 Inspection:** Grand Forks Public Schools reserves the right to inspect devices as necessary.

3.0 USING YOUR DEVICE AT SCHOOL

Devices are intended for academic use. Classroom teachers have the authority to manage use during class time and may choose to have students put devices away if it is a distraction or students exhibit off-task behavior. Students are responsible to bring their device to all classes unless specifically instructed not to do so by the classroom teacher.

- 3.1 Devices Left at Home:** If students leave their device at home, they are responsible for getting the course work completed as if they had their device present.
- 3.2 Device Undergoing Repair:** Loaner devices may be issued to students if the device is in need of repair.
- 3.3 Charging your Device's Battery:** Devices must be fully charged at the start of each school day.
- 3.4 Screen Savers/Background Photos:** Inappropriate media may not be used as a screensaver or background photo.
- 3.5 Managing Your Files and Saving Your Work:** Students should not save data on their device because this data is not backed up. Grand Forks Public Schools uses Google Apps for Education, which allows for cloud-based storage and document creation.

4.0 Google Apps For Education (GAFE)

For the past 9 years, GFPS students and staff have been using Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to enhance the way we use technology and share information within our school community. Essentially, GAFE is a cloud based learning platform allowing teachers and students to create a range of documents online, email, share calendars and drive storage to be accessed at home and school on any device. GAFE allows us to collaborate and learn more effectively through the use of technology, and offer a range of learning opportunities for teachers and students.

5.0 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY – GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL Board Policy 5331

http://bit.ly/gfps_aup

The Grand Forks Public School district provides technology resources for staff and students ("users") to support the educational mission of the district. The district encourages efficient, cooperative and creative methods to perform the user's educational, administrative or job-related tasks. The successful use of these resources requires adherence to a policy that promotes safety, efficiency and appropriate usage.

5.2 Expectations: The district expects users to exhibit professional/responsible behaviors when using district technology resources. Use of district technology resources is a privilege that may be revoked if the expectations are not followed.

5.3 Privacy: Individual privacy is not guaranteed when using district technology resources.

5.4 Security: Any attempt to circumvent, disable, or misuse security systems are prohibited.

5.5 Internet Safety and Use of Filters: The district provides a filtering system to limit user access to potentially objectionable material. No filtering system can provide complete protection and it is the users' responsibility to use Internet resources appropriately.

6.0 DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE USE

6.1 Statement of Responsibility: The user is responsible for what he/she says and does on the network.

6.2 Parent/Guardian Responsibilities: Please talk with your child about your expectation for appropriate and responsible use in your home.

6.3 Students Responsibilities: Use computers/devices in a responsible and ethical manner.

6.4 Student Discipline: Depending on the seriousness of the offense, students may lose the device and/or network privileges.

7.0 DEVICE LOSS, DAMAGE, OR MALFUNCTION

Grand Forks Public Schools realizes that normal use and accidents happen, and when they do, damage can be done to a student's school issued Chromebook. Devices that malfunction or are damaged must be reported to a staff member. The school district will be responsible for repairing devices that malfunction.

7.1 What to do if damage happens to the device.

1. Report the damage and complete an incident report with your teacher.
2. Technology department will assess the damage. If the damage does not need immediate repair the student may be allowed to continue to use the device. If the damage does require repair a loaner device may be available, if inventory allows.
3. If repair is necessary, the student (family) will be charged for the repairs based on the rates below.

7.2 Repair Rates

The following are projected repair rates for damage based on current market repair costs for repair. These rates may change at any time depending on the cost of parts and potential repair charges charged by the repair company.

Battery \$20-\$70	Top case \$15-\$49	Display \$40-\$60	Middle case/palm rest \$25-\$45
Power adapter \$20-\$25	Power in port \$5-\$10	System board \$60-\$125	Hinge/Hinge Cover (each) \$5-\$15
Trackpad \$25-\$88	Bottom case \$15-\$45	Daughter board \$40-\$60	Keyboard/middle housing \$35-\$77
Hard disk drive \$40-\$55	Display bezel \$20-\$30	Replacement \$200 (intentional or severely damaged, lost, stolen)	

GFPS technology department will not return the original part if it is being replaced. This may result in the loss of data, as for example, if your hard drive needs to be replaced. GFPS technology department reserves the right to use refurbished parts in the repair. Replacement units may be GFPS recertified and/or remanufactured.

7.3 Damage Payment

In the event that a family is responsible for payment due to damage, a notice will be sent with a brief explanation and amount due. Payments should be made at the student's school office.

If the student has purchased the Device Protection Plan on the damaged device, no charge will be assessed to the family.

8.0 OPTIONAL DEVICE (CHROMEBOOK) PROTECTION PLAN

The Device Protection Plan is completely optional and available to families that wish to protect themselves from damage or replacement costs for their student’s school-issued Chromebook. The deadline to sign up and pay is October 15th. If you choose not to purchase the device protection plan and damage occurs to your child’s school issued Chromebook, it will be the parent’s responsibility to pay for all repair costs as outlined in 7.2.

Coverage

The Device Protection Plan covers 100% of all accidental damage, fire, flood, natural disasters, power surge, and vandalism to your child’s school issued Chromebook with a \$0 deductible. The Device Protection Plan will provide coverage on school grounds, at home, on the bus, and anywhere your child may travel. If damage would be incurred to a school issued Chromebook with Device Protection Plan, there would be no additional fees charged for the repair. The device protection plan does not cover loss, negligent or intentional damage.

Cost

The Device Protection Plan provides pricing depending on your family’s hot lunch free and reduced meals status. Indicate which option you choose by checking the appropriate box. (Make checks payable to GFPS) If you believe you qualify for free/reduced price meals but have not applied, please visit your school office to learn how to apply.

If you are interested in the device protection plan, please complete this form and submit to the school office along with a check.

2019-2020 OPTIONAL DEVICE (CHROMEBOOK) PROTECTION PLAN

Sign Up

Student’s Name	
Parent’s Signature	
Date	
Grade	
School	
Teacher/Team	

Check One:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular: \$20 per device
<input type="checkbox"/>	Free or Reduced: \$10 per device
<input type="checkbox"/>	I decline the Device Protection Plan

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I understand and agree to the stipulations set forth in the attached
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Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher/Team: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

