

# ***1:1 Laptop Initiative Questions***

***These will be updated as we get more questions!!***

## **Why Can't We Bring Our Own Computer**

1. Not every student would be able to do that.
2. District can not provide software for individual students, when we purchase it for our computers we retain it.
3. Difficulty to provide support for all of the different systems, with our own we can provide more efficient support.
4. Network Security.

## **Why do we need them?**

1. Opportunity for 24/7 learning.
2. Improve technology skills.
3. Advanced teaching strategies, higher level of communication, quicker accountability.
4. Create a "student engaged" classroom environment
5. Additional curricular opportunities

## **What does the State Data tell us about S-RC?**

The school district academic performance is below the State median, our students are not leaving fully prepared for post-secondary schooling and lack skills to enter some job markets. We must raise the expectations and change the "academic" model.

## **Do I have to have a laptop?**

Yes, it is viewed the same as textbook – a necessary piece of equipment for your education.

## **Explain the lease?**

Each student pays \$25 for the year. That includes the purchase of an insurance policy to protect the student's family from excessive costs of an accidental damage. This year we will return the \$25 if the machine is checked back in with no damage, or underclassmen may have it applied to next school year.

## **What if we don't pay the \$25?**

Student will use the computer at school but will not be permitted to take it home. They will also be 100% responsible for damage to the laptop, just like a textbook.

## **What if I forget my computer at home?**

Parent must bring it in or you take an unexcused absence to go home and get it. If you don't have it you will receive no credit for work that is due that day.

## **Is it true you will watch everything we do all the time?**

Students will be monitored in the same manner they are on district computers now. There will not be after hours monitoring of equipment, but

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students and parents are liable for any content accessed or communication sent from the computer 24/7. The district does not have the ability to access the laptop's camera.

### **What about the summer?**

At this time we plan to have students check them in at the end of school year and check them out the first day of school next year.

### **Can we put our own personal software on the machines?**

No, school approved only. This includes Apps from the Apple Store, they must be school approved.

### **Can we add music, movies, etc to the computer through iTunes?**

Yes, if it is not tagged explicit. Explicit material will be deleted from the machine by administration. Students can remove those items when they are done using the machine. You can use your own private iTunes account with the same restrictions.

### **Will I have the same machine the entire time I'm in High School?**

Yes, the machine you are checked out as a freshmen will be the one you use through your senior year.

### **Can I purchase it after I graduate?**

No.

### **How are my documents saved?**

They are saved on your laptop and backed up to our network server through a cloud sync process.

### **Do I need Internet at home?**

That is up to each family. Documents will be "physically" on your machine and all classroom materials can be downloaded at school and accessed on your machine. There may be some resources that require internet to use.

### **What happens if my machine is damaged by someone else?**

You are responsible unless we have "video" evidence of intentional damage by another student.

### **Can I personalize my laptop with stickers, skins, or fatheads?**

No, you can not put those on the case or laptop. You will have a case marked to identify your ownership.

### **Can I Use my personal e-mail account?**

You can outside of school. All students will have Google e-mails that they will use for school.

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### **Will all of my school work be on the computer?**

No, it depends on the class, the content, and the teacher.

### **When should I charge the laptop?**

We expect each student to bring the laptop to school fully charged. We are working on creating places to charge computers that need it during the day.

### **Do I have to use the case that comes with the laptop?**

Yes, the case was selected to provide additional protection. The laptop should always be in it when being transported. You may put it in your backpack or duffle bag, but it must be in the protective sleeve/case.

### **What about facebook and things like that?**

All social media and inappropriate sites are blocked through our filter. In fact we have a strict filter that may block a lot of sites. You can access those at home depending on your home network set up. However, if you access anything inappropriate or use social media to harass or exchange inappropriate material using the school computer it can be checked and you could be in trouble through the school and/or county sheriff/state patrol.

### **Can I install my home printer on the laptop?**

Yes. We can't guarantee that all printers will work with the laptop you were checked out.