



# Lower Merion High School

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Jon Fadely  
Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Enclosed you will find specific information regarding guidelines, laptop insurance, and laptop distribution procedures for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be advised that this information is based on our plan for a fall return to school. We appreciate your patience and understanding at this time and will inform families of any changes made to these plans or timelines. We plan to distribute laptops to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students during 9<sup>th</sup> grade student orientation, Wednesday, September 1, 2021. More information regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> grade student orientation will be forthcoming.

In order for students to receive their laptop, they must:

1. Have proof of insurance premium payment (\$70.00).
2. Have successfully completed the Laptop Quiz on Safe Use and Policy 137.  
(Directions for completing the Laptop Quiz on Safe Use and Policy 137 are attached.)
3. Have provided a **parent/guardian and student electronic agreement** (via PowerSchool eCollect) granting the student permission to take the LMSD laptop off of school grounds (AUPA). (Directions for electronically signing the appropriate agreement are attached.)

Please note, both the parent/guardian and the student must electronically sign the appropriate agreement in their respective PowerSchool Portal accounts.

We are asking that you submit the **\$70.00** insurance premium by **August 20, 2021** in one of the two following ways:

1. During this environment we **strongly encourage** you to pay by using **MySchoolBucks** online. Instructions can be found by going to <https://www.lmsd.org/parents/myschoolbucks>.
2. If you are unable to pay using MySchoolBucks you may send the \$70.00 check/money order to Lower Merion High School. The check/money order should be payable to the **Lower Merion School District**. Please include your **child's full name** and **student ID number** in the memo line of the check/money order.

Families who receive notification that they qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program for the 2021-2022 school year will have the option to forgo the insurance cost yet still have their student's/students' laptop covered under this insurance agreement and do not need to provide payment. Families will only have this option if they have received notification from the school district that they qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program either by completing a new application online each school year and receive a letter from the School District that they qualify or have been notified by the School District that they are predetermined eligible. In addition to the qualification of the program each school year, each family needs to sign the *Waiver for Sharing Information with Other Programs* that accompanies the Free and Reduced/Direct Certification Eligibility Letters. The Free and Reduced Application and the Waiver for Sharing Information with Other Programs are available on the LMSD.org Nutritional Services Page (<https://www.lmsd.org/departments/nutritional>) of the website.

Families who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program will be required to pay the deductible charge for each theft, loss, or damage claim. A payment plan for the insurance deductible can be established with school administration. Families wishing to participate in this program must **apply** or **re-apply** and be approved for the program yearly at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>. Information regarding the Free and Reduced Lunch Program can be found on the Lower Merion School District website by going to [www.LMSD.org/fandr](http://www.LMSD.org/fandr). Families who don't apply (or re-apply), or who are denied eligibility to participate in this program will be required to pay the \$70 insurance premium.

Other helpful information regarding the One-to-One Laptop Initiative is available on the School District's website at [www.lmsd.org/1to1](http://www.lmsd.org/1to1).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Assistant Principal Jon Fadely at 610-645-1834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Hughes".

Sean Hughes  
Principal