



Parent/Student Laptop

Handbook

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Terms of the Laptop Loan

Early College High School Students will be assigned a district owned laptop/Chromebook for as long as they are a current student. As part of this program, each student will be receiving a laptop with the following configuration package:

Chromebook, Power adapter, and sleeve

The laptop is intended for educational purposes only and will be issued upon the student and parent/guardian's signed acceptance of the terms of the Parent/Student Laptop Handbook, Ector County Independent School District Internet Usage Agreement, and Student Code of Conduct.

Terms

Each student is required to comply at all times with the ECISD Parent/Student Laptop Handbook, Ector County Independent School District Internet Usage Agreement, and Student Code of Conduct incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. Any failure to comply may terminate your rights of possession effective immediately and Ector County ISD may repossess the property.

Title

Legal title to the property is in Ector County ISD and shall at all times remain in Ector County ISD. Your right of possession and use is limited to and conditioned upon your full and complete compliance with this Agreement and the Parent/Student Handbook.

Loss or Damage

- If the property is damaged, lost or stolen, you are responsible for the replacement cost of the device. Loss or theft of the property must be reported to campus by the next school day after the occurrence. In case of theft, vandalism, and other criminal acts, a police report must be filed with the Police Department or Campus Police by the student and/or parents within 48 hours of the occurrence. Incidents happening off campus must be reported to the police by the parent and a copy of the report must be brought to the school for verification.

Care of Equipment

The student will exercise all due and reasonable care in handling the use of laptop and associated peripherals and agree to return the equipment in good condition at the end school years. Ector County ISD accepts and acknowledges reasonable and normal wear and tear of the laptop over the course of its useful life. Below are a few examples of normal wear and tear in which students/parents would not be held responsible:

- Laptop battery cannot retain an acceptable charge and needs to be replaced.

- Laptop lid cracks slightly around the edges due to continuous opening and closing
- Aesthetic scratches that occur on the laptop.
- Fading of backlight on the LCD screen of laptop due to normal use.

Repossession

If you do not fully comply in a timely manner with all terms of this agreement and the Parent/Student Laptop Handbook., including the timely return of the property, Ector County ISD shall be entitled to declare you in default and come to your place of residence, or other location of the property, to take possession of the property.

Term of Agreement

Your right to use and possession of the property terminated not later than the last day of the school year unless earlier terminated by Ector County ISD or upon withdrawal from Ector County ISD.

Appropriation

Your failure to return the property in a timely manner and the continued use of it for non-school purposes without Ector County ISD's consent may be considered unlawful appropriation of Ector County ISD's property. **Parent/Student Laptop Fees**

Students are required to follow the procedures defined below:

- Students will take possession of their assigned laptop during the 1st 2 weeks of each school year and check in no later than the last day of each school year or upon withdrawal from OCTECHS.
- In case of theft, vandalism, or other criminal acts, a Police Report must be filed with the Police Department or Campus Police by the student and/or parents within 48 hours of the occurrence. Incidents happening off campus must be reported to the city Police by the parent and a copy of the report be brought to the school for verification.
- If laptop is stolen or lost, students/parents are responsible to pay the replacement cost of the device.
- Students will be charged the full price of the laptop/Chromebook if deliberately damaged and/or vandalized.

Cost of Chromebook and accessories

- Chromebook- \$300.00
- Screen Replacement- \$150.00
- Keyboard Replacement- \$50.00
- Chargers- \$50.00

- Headphone jacks- \$25.00
- Case- \$20.00
- Tag Reprint- \$10.00
- Recovery fee- \$5.00

Cost of Laptop and accessories

- Replacement laptop- \$650.00
- Screen Replacement- \$200.00
- Keyboard replacement- \$50.00
- Charger replacement- \$50.00
- Headphone jack- \$25.00
- Case- \$20.00
- Tag Reprint- \$10.00
- Recovery fee- \$5.00

Payment Plan

A Statement of Charges will be mailed to learners with a balance the first week of every month. Payments are due at the end of that same month. If a student is required to pay any fees due to loss or damages and is unable to pay the amount in full, a payment plan can be created between the student's family and the campus. If an agreement or payment plan is not set with the campus, the learner may not be issued a laptop for the following school year. If the learner is in his/her senior year, the school will withhold the diploma until the amount is fully paid.

Use of Computers and Laptops on the Network

Ector County ISD is committed to a student being able to continue with his/her work when his/her laptop is experiencing problems. To assist with this matter, the campus will provide the following:

Online Systems and Cloud Storage

The students will have access to Google Apps for Education including the cloud storage available in Google Drive as well as Microsoft Office 365 including the cloud storage available in OneDrive. Students can save important items online and access important software through a web browser on another computer.

Classroom Computers

Campuses have a limited number of laptops that can be used by students if they do not have their laptop. Students may access their saved work online.

No student loaning or borrowing of laptops

- Students are prohibited from loaning their assigned laptop or other equipment to other students
- Students are prohibited from borrowing a laptop from another student.
- Students are prohibited from sharing passwords or usernames with others.

Google Apps for Education and Microsoft Office 365

Classes may require online assignments and projects using Google Apps for Education, Android Apps and Microsoft Office 365. These online systems can be accessed through any computer with internet access and a modern browser.

Internet Safety

There are many sites on the internet that can be potentially dangerous to minors. These sites are blocked while students are logged on to Ector County ISD's network but may be unprotected at home. Students are in violation of Ector County ISD policy if they access these sites through proxies or by any other means. Parents may want to restrict student internet access at home. For more information about internet safety, visit

<https://www.netsmartz.org/Teens>

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>

<https://www.common sense media.org/cyberbullying>

General Laptop Rules

Student Email

Through Google Apps for Education or Office 365, Ector County ISD students may be assigned a personal email account that is to be used for school-related correspondence only, e.g. communicating with teacher and professors and working on projects. Personal use of these email accounts is strictly prohibited.

Inappropriate Media

- Inappropriate media may not be accessed using Ector County ISD laptop, nor using Ector County ISD's network.
- Presence of weapons, pornographic material, inappropriate language, alcohol and gang-related symbols or pictures will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with Ector County ISD policy.

Audio

- Laptop audio will be muted at all times unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes.
- Headphones can be used unless it becomes a distraction and is impacting the instructional process.

Markings on the Laptop

- Laptops are to remain clean. There should be no pencil, highlighter, pen, marker, or any other stray marks on the exterior or interior of the laptop.
- There should be no stickers other than the approved issued stickers.
- If any of the above listed are found on the laptop, there will be a \$5 fine, and the student will be asked to clean it immediately.

Deleting Files

- Students are not to delete any folders or files that they did not create or that they do not recognize. Deletion of certain files that they did not create or that they do not recognize. Deletion of certain files will result in a computer failure and will interfere with the ability to complete classwork and may affect a student's grades.
- There is a \$25 re-imaging charge to correct system files.

Music, Games, or Programs

- The possession of any content (music, pictures, movies, games, etc.) which may be construed as profane, pornographic, or offensive will result in disciplinary action as defined by Ector County ISD Student Handbook policies.
- Any video games (including web-based, widget, and app games) or movies are prohibited unless directly related to a school activity or assignment.

Unauthorized Access

- Access to another user's account or computer without their consent or knowledge is considered hacking and is unacceptable and in violation of Ector County ISD's Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Laptop Identification Tag and Number

- All and laptop sleeves will be marked with a student laptop identification number. All identification numbers and tags must remain unmarked, undamaged, and visible.

Violations

Violations of Ector County ISD appropriate use of technology policies that are not directly related to class projects could result in any of the following actions:

- A conference between principal, parent, and student
- Student computer access suspension for a period of time determined by campus administration
- Out of school suspension
- AEP Placement
- Removal from OCTECHS

Ector County ISD will not be held responsible for downloading/viewing inappropriate material or participating in illegal activities such as hacking other networks. In addition, use of the laptop computer network for financial gain is prohibited.

Transporting Laptops

- Laptops must be transported in the sleeve assigned with the laptop at all times.
- Students participating in activities away from their home campus will be responsible for securing their laptop at all times.
- To prevent hard drive damage, laptops should be shut down when not in use.
- Do not transport any documents, spirals, pens, or other items inside the laptop. This can cause damage to the screen that will result in replacement.





Laptop User Agreement Form

Understanding Responsibilities: Students and parents, please initial each statement to indicate that you understand what is being asked of you.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that the laptop that I have been provided is properly taken care of while it is in my possession.

_____ I understand that there may be charges if the laptop or accessories are damaged, lost, or stolen.

_____ I understand that my privilege of using a laptop **may be revoked** if:

- I leave my laptop in an unsecured area including an unlocked car or vehicle.
- My laptop is maliciously damaged.
- I purposefully damaged my laptop.
- I lend my laptop to anyone.
- My laptop is involved in recurrent reckless activities
- I disregard Ector county ISD's Acceptable Use Policy.
- I use my laptop for any activity other than is specified in this handbook.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to return the laptop that has been provided to me at the end of the school year or if I withdrawal from OCTECHS.

Our signatures below indicated that we have read and understand all components of the Laptop/Chromebook Loan and User Agreement.

Student Name (printed) _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____



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