

## Device User Agreement 2024-2025

**Purpose:** In order to support learning, Fulton County Schools is providing devices to students. Like a textbook, the device is a resource to support learning.

Students with devices are required to follow the guidelines within this document, as well as all school, classroom, and School District policies and procedures regarding behavior and technology use.

**Contact Person:** If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school administration.

**Receiving the Device:** Parents and students must agree to this document. Students must also complete the digital citizenship curriculum that the school requires.

**Returning the Device:** Devices will be returned to the school at the end of the school year, unless otherwise communicated by the school. The use of devices provided by Fulton County Schools is not transferable to anyone and terminates when a student is no longer enrolled at the issuing school.

Students who transfer, withdraw, are expelled, or terminate enrollment at the school for any reason must return their device on the date of withdrawal/termination. A student who fails to return the device will be subject to paying up to the full replacement cost of the device and any accessories, and may also have grade cards, transcripts, diplomas, or certificates of progress withheld until restitution is made.

**Damage and Loss:** All district-issued devices are the property of the Fulton County School District. If a device is damaged, lost, or stolen during the time that it is issued to the student, whether intentionally or due to negligence, the student and the student's parent/guardian will be responsible for paying the fines outlined in this document.

**Responsible Device Use:** All users of District-issued devices must follow the expectations outlined in District Policy and Operating Guidelines *IFBGA: Responsible Use of the Enterprise Network*, *JD: Student Discipline/Student Code of Conduct*, and *JS: Student Fines, Fees, and Charges*. Failure to follow these expectations will lead to applicable student disciplinary consequences. All District policies can be found at [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org).

While off school grounds parents/guardians are solely responsible for monitoring the student's use of the device. Students may not exhibit inappropriate behaviors, or access prohibited materials with the device, at any time, at any location. Students will be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action if they use the device for inappropriate activities, whether on or off school grounds.

**Privacy:** Nothing done on District-issued devices is private. District staff may, at any point, confiscate and search for the contents of any district-issued electronic device. Devices are enabled with GPS locating systems, and in the case of loss or theft, this system will be activated.

The Fulton County School District recognizes all aspects of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

### **Fines for Device Damage, Loss, or Theft**

If for any reason the device is lost, stolen, or damaged during the time it is issued to the student, whether intentionally or due to negligence, the student and the student's parent/guardian are responsible for the following fines during the school year:

**Lost and Damaged Devices Fines:**

- Lost/stolen \$250.
- Damaged \$100
- Accessories -Lost or damaged \$30 for each accessory, including laptop cover.

These fines apply to instances of willful alteration of the device, its operating system, or network functionality either through the download of applications or by other means. Additional disciplinary consequences for this behavior include up to 10 days' out of school suspension if such tampering is determined to be part of a habitual pattern of behavior on the part of the student. Please see sections 18 E – 18F in the Code of Conduct for further discussion.

**Theft:**

If the device is stolen during the time that it is issued to the student, the student and the student's parent/guardian will be responsible for filing a police report and submitting it to the school administration.

**Failure to Return a Device or Accessories upon Withdrawal from the School:**

A student who fails to return a device or any accessories without reporting them lost or stolen will be responsible for the full replacement cost of the items that were not returned.

By accepting this handbook, I agree to the terms of the Device User Agreement (DUA).

When the student accepts the device assigned by their school, the student/parent/guardian will be held responsible for this Device User Agreement and fines associated with the use of this device.

If the parent/guardian does not wish for her child to accept a device, the parent/guardian should contact the school's administrative team.

**PARENT AND STUDENT RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM (MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OR SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL)**

We have received the Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook and all included documents and understand that we are responsible for reading and understanding this information. Parents are responsible for ensuring their student(s) understand this information.

We also understand that this Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook contains rules that students are expected to follow, including but not limited to, rules that must be followed at school, on school grounds; off school grounds at a school activity, function or event, going to and from school or other transportation provided by the District, at school bus stops; while in any vehicle used in connection with a school function or activity, or while using the school technology resources.

We also understand that this Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook contains information about possible legal consequences if a child does not attend school as required by Georgia law in § 20-2-690.1. If a child has more than five (5) unexcused absences, parents, guardians, or other persons who have control or charge of a child are subject to fines, imprisonment, community service or any combination of these penalties. Absences that are excused are listed in Policy JBD and may be accessed at [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org) and/or at the local school.

We also understand that in addition to school-based discipline of students, student misconduct may be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities. The District encourages parents/guardians to inform their children of the consequences, including potential criminal penalties, of underage sexual conduct and crimes for which a minor can be tried as an adult.

We understand that Directory Information, as outlined in this handbook, allows certain identifiable information about our student to be released to approved organizations, by request, as well as for use in District publicity efforts unless we “opt out.”

We understand that this handbook contains information about opting out of surveys and that if we do not "opt-out" our child from survey participation, he/she could be selected to complete a survey.

We understand that all volunteers who work with children in the state of Georgia are required by law to report suspected child abuse as required by Georgia law in O.C.G.A. 19-7-5.

We understand that by accepting this handbook, I agree to the terms of the Device User Agreement (DUA).

We understand that, upon implementation of the Title IX revisions released on May 6, 2021, any discipline incident, or portion of a discipline incident, which involves a Title IX matter or incident will be subject to the Title IX Grievance Procedure as detailed at [www.fultonschools.org/titleix](http://www.fultonschools.org/titleix).

We understand that each student will be provided with one copy of this Student Code of Conduct. Anyone requiring an additional copy should contact their local school administrator or review a copy on the District's website [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org).

If/We have any questions about the enclosed information, I/We will ask a school administrator to discuss those questions. Failure to sign and return this form does not relieve me/us or my/our child(ren) from complying with and understanding the information enclosed in the Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook.

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Student Signature (if over 10 years old)