



2025-26 Forsyth County Schools Chromebook Responsibility Guide

Purpose

Forsyth County Schools (FCS) provides a Chromebook to every student in grades 6–12 to support learning both in school and at home. In alignment with the FCS Strategic Plan and Learner Profile, students will interact daily with a variety of online and digital resources. Just as with textbooks and other assigned materials, this device is an essential instructional tool and must be brought to school daily, fully charged.

Device Distribution and Return

- Each student will receive a Chromebook and charger. Middle school student Chromebooks will have a protective case.
- Parents/Guardians MUST acknowledge they have viewed this document prior to a Chromebook being assigned.
- For families who do not acknowledge this form, their child will need to check out and return a Chromebook from the media center each day.
- Students will retain the devices throughout the summer except for grades 8 and 12, which will be collected at the end of their school year.
- All assigned equipment must be returned upon transferring schools or withdrawal from FCS.
- Devices remain the property of Forsyth County Schools.
- Devices must be returned in good working condition.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Chromebooks will have content filtering as they would at school. However, monitoring student's use of the Chromebook at home is important. Parent/guardian monitoring tools will be provided.
- Ensure the device is charged nightly.
- Encourage responsible digital behavior.
- Report any damage or loss immediately.
- Pay applicable repair or replacement costs if not covered by accidental damage coverage.
- Ensure devices are returned when requested or upon student withdrawal.

Student Responsibilities

- Use the device for educational purposes only, following the FCS Responsible Use Policy.
- Bring the device to school daily, fully charged.
- Do not loan the device to others.
- Handle the device with care — no stickers, food/drinks nearby, or rough handling.
- Report any issues or damage immediately to your school's Media Center.
- Do not attempt repairs; all service must go through FCS technicians.

Financial Responsibility / Accidental Damage Coverage Option

If a device is damaged, students/guardians are responsible for all repair or replacement costs. Only FCS technicians utilizing approved parts may make repairs to devices. Replacement components/devices purchased by families will not be accepted in lieu of responsible cost. Below are the costs associated with the repair or replacement of a Chromebook.

Accidents happen and to help ease the burden on families, FCS will offer an optional \$20 annual *Accidental Damage Coverage* that reduces out-of-pocket repair costs in the event of an incident. Accidental Damage Coverage may be purchased through the School Pay website shared by your school. Coverage must be purchased by August 18, 2025, or within 2 weeks of being enrolled in FCS.

- First accidental damage: 100% covered
- Second incident: 50% covered
- Further incidents or intentional/gross negligence: Cost billed as below

Replacement and Repair Costs

Component	Cost (Without Coverage)
Full Chromebook Replacement	\$345
Motherboard / DC Power Port	\$125
USB / HDMI / Audio Ports	\$50
Screen Replacement	\$75
Touch Pad	\$35
Charger	\$30
Keyboard	\$25
Protective Case	\$25
Display Bezel	\$20

*Note: Accidental Damage Coverage does not cover lost/stolen devices, intentional damage, or damage which may jeopardize the safety of the device.

Monitoring and Usage

Student Chromebooks have content filtering 24/7 and are monitored during school hours per federal CIPA requirements. Student online activity is logged and usage on campus or off, which violates the student Responsible Use Guidelines, may result in disciplinary consequences. Only the assigned student should use the device as any inappropriate usage will be tied to that user account. Devices may be inspected at any time by school or district personnel.

Parent/Guardian Monitoring

FCS has partnered with Linewize to offer the Qustodio Parent App at no cost to families. This tool empowers parents/guardians to engage with their children’s online activity on a district Chromebook or personal device to establish guidelines and expectations, monitor usage, add restrictions, and more. Visit the Qustodio section of the FCS One to One website for more information.