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CCPS Adjusts Student Device Distribution Model for the 2025-2026 School Year

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) has announced a change in how the district will manage student technology devices for the 2025-2026 school year.

Since 2020, Clayton County Public Schools has provided students in grades 3–12 with personal devices to support learning at home. As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we would like to inform you of upcoming changes to our device distribution model due to rising costs, increased loss and damage, and the need for a more sustainable approach to technology use.

What is the new device distribution model?

- **Students in grades K through 2** will continue to have access to a device while at school for daily activities (**no take-home device**)
- **Students in grades 3-8** will no longer take devices home – they will have access to the devices at school, ensuring daily device use without take-home risk (**no take-home device**)
- **Students in grades 9-12** will continue to have a take-home device with clear agreements and support policies in place (**will have a take-home device**)

Why did the device distribution model change?

- By simplifying our approach, schools can focus more on instruction and less on technology issues (loss, damaged, inoperable, or stolen devices).
- It's costly to buy, fix, and replace laptops constantly. This new model helps us be more conservative with our financial resources.
- The turnaround time for repairing or replacing devices will improve, as fewer laptops will be lost or damaged, since most students will use them only at school.

This decision enables us to uphold our commitment to digital learning while maintaining fiscal responsibility and safeguarding our long-term technology resources. Please be assured that we remain committed to providing all students with access to high-quality instruction and the necessary tools to succeed.

Additionally, this new model aligns CCPS with neighboring districts that are also shifting away from take-home devices, particularly in the early grades, in favor of classroom-based technology. To support at-home learning for students in grades K–8, students will receive consumable materials (such as workbooks) along with teacher-prepared assignments. All students will continue to have access to devices during the school day to ensure they develop the skills to use technology creatively and effectively in the 21st century. For more information on this change in student device distribution, please contact your child's school.

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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