

Burgettstown Insurance for Chromebooks Facts

The educational program at BASD now includes a Chromebook issued to your child for their use at school and home. We are excited to make this powerful tool available to students. We also understand both students and parents are naturally concerned about keeping these tools secure and in good working order.

Like textbooks, team uniforms and other school property issued to your child, there is a responsibility to take appropriate care of these valuable resources. The Chromebook is no different, but it does represent a cost to the district and consequent liability to students and parents. We have a warranty in place to cover the Chromebooks covered for manufacturing defects, but we know loss and accidents may also happen, even when students take good care of the device. In these instances, district policies, state regulations and practices require a fine be levied to cover the repair or replacement cost of district property. With Chromebooks, the cost of loss or damage is lower than many other technology tools, but it can still be significant.

In response, the district has developed a **voluntary** Burgettstown insurance program for Chromebooks. The

Burgettstown Insurance Program for Chromebooks works as follows:

- Parents are encouraged to enroll in BASD insurance for the current school year.
 - The payment is \$25 per student for 1 yr of coverage.
 - The payment is reduced to \$15 if a student qualifies for reduced lunch prices
 - The payment is reduced to \$10 if a student qualifies for free lunch
- In the event a student's Chromebook is accidentally damaged, the normal fine for repair costs (typically between \$40.00 and the full value of the Chromebook) will be waived, and the Chromebook will be repaired at no cost to the family. (The number of covered repairs per year is capped at two). Willful damage will still result in a fine. Damage assessment will be at the sole discretion of the district.
- In the event a Chromebook is lost or stolen, the normal fine for full replacement value of \$250.00 will be reduced to a \$50.00 deductible. Upon payment of this fine (or creation of an approved payment plan), the student will be issued a replacement Chromebook. However, the parent will not be eligible to enroll in BASD insurance for a second time in the same school year, and will be financially responsible for replacement or repair costs associated with this second Chromebook. **(If the Chromebook is stolen off-campus, file a police report within 24 hrs and bring a copy to school)**
- If the lost or stolen Chromebook is recovered in good working condition, the fine will be refunded.
- Families who choose to enroll and have more than two children receiving Chromebooks will only be required to pay for a maximum of two BASD insurance enrollments to cover all devices per school year.
- Exclusions - The charger, protective case and any other peripherals issued with the Chromebook are NOT covered by the BASD insurance program. If these items are lost or damaged, a fine will be issued for replacement cost. An equivalent replacement item may be accepted in lieu of the fine at the sole discretion of Burgettstown Area District representatives.
- If a family leaves the District, but does not return the Chromebook, they will be fined for the full replacement costs, and standard rules for the restriction of records and transcripts would apply. Law enforcement may be involved for the purpose of recovering district property.

NO STICKER Policy: Current Chromebooks that already have stickers; there is no need to remove them at this time. However, please be aware that moving forward, all new and redistributed Chromebooks should remain free of stickers.

For the Chromebooks being redistributed Grades K-6 and 8th, 25/26 school year, a fee of \$25 will be charged to cover the cost of sticker/residue removal for any device that is returned with stickers or a residue on the Chromebook. Removal of stickers does not fall under the insurance and will be considered destruction of school property.

If you choose not to enroll in the BASD insurance program, you will be financially responsible for the full costs for repair or replacement of the Chromebook. In order for your child to receive a Chromebook, you must either sign-up for the program or decline participation in the insurance program.