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Neshaminy School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Neshaminy School District is proud to continue the Middle School 1:1 Initiative for incoming 5th Grade. Joseph Jones III, Superintendent of Schools, along with District and Middle School Administrators and building staff is moving to Chromebooks for incoming 5th and 8th grades.

Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum. This letter (and attachments) contains some very important information regarding the Middle School 1:1 initiative, which includes a Technology Fee for the device, and our district iPad/Chromebook pledge, distribution in September and the repair process. **Please remember when filling out your information to include your child student ID on each submission of the forms.**

iPAD/Chromebook Insurance/Technology Fee

The district will be providing device insurance coverage for all students assigned an iPad/Chromebook to use in school and at home as an instructional tool. As with any instructional material, there will be a small annual technology usage fee of \$30.00 per student with a max of \$90.00 per household. Detailed information is included in this letter. Please note – your child will not receive their iPad/Chromebook in the beginning of the school year without the Technology Fee paid. **When filling out your paperwork and you are using the ParentOnline process, please include the Transaction information that was sent to you via email after your payment has been made.**

Distribution

If you have been already assigned an iPad, your child's iPad will be re-distributed prior to school opening upon receipt of all required paperwork. The district will make a series of phone calls in August to remind you of dates for pickup. All new incoming 5th grade students, Chromebooks will be distributed on the 1st or 2nd week of school.

Needed Repairs

If there are any needed repairs throughout the school year your child should report to the school Library Media Specialist or Building Technician. This will assist your child in troubleshooting. If the iPad/Chromebook needs repairs and cannot be completed at school, it will be sent out for repair. More detailed information is included in this student packet and it is important to read this information further.

Please also see the District Website <http://www.neshaminy.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=30916> for more information, forms and guidelines. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email coordinator@neshaminy.k12.pa.us

Technology UPDATE

Information on changes occurring with Middle School student devices
for the
Fall of 17/18 School Year

As we wrap up end of year and the return of iPads from students in 5 through 7th grade students, we will be changing the technology for incoming students in 5th and 8th grade. Incoming 5th and 8th grade students for the 17/18 School Year will receive new Dell Chromebooks.

Students entering 6th and 7th grade entering the school year 17/18 will keep their existing iPads. The following years students will eventually receive Chromebooks as well.

The district believes the change in device will allow students to learn on different platforms and allow for diversity in the use of technology.

With this change we want to make sure that you as the parent, will need to know what to expect with the change in this device, and resources to help your child at home with the Chromebook.

The Chromebook is an internet device built on the Google platform and will bring different ways of achieving class room assignments and delivery to the teacher.

Students will continue to use Canvas as the primary means getting their assignments and completing projects using the device. Writing has become a primary skill in everyday lessons and the use of the Chromebooks allows for this. The Chromebook is also a touch device so the familiarity of touch from the iPad will be an easy transition.

Apps, now called Extensions will be delivered in the same manner as the iPad, in that all applications will be delivered on a portal page or from the Chrome Web Store specifically for Neshaminy Students.

Please review the device being given to your student.

Intel Celeron N3060 Processor
4GB Memory and 32GB SSD
11.6" HD IPS 16:9 (1366 x 768) Touch with Corning®
Gorilla® Glass NBT
1 Combo headphone/microphone jack
1 USD Card Reader
2 USB 3.1 Gen 1
1 Full Size HDMI
Black Touch LCD Cover
Height: 20.75 mm (0.82") x Width: 303.8 mm (11.96") x Depth: 207.9 mm (8.18")
Weight: 1.43 kg (3.16 lbs)



A bag will also be given to the student. The bag pictured below is a drop in Sleeve
The Chromebook will be labeled with your student's name on the device and the
bag. **These are NOT TO BE REMOVED. Any identifiable markings on the device
or case that is removed will result in disciplinary action.**



Neshaminy School District Annual Technology Fee Agreement

In order to prepare students for the 21st century and be competitive in their future workplace, Neshaminy School District student's educational experience will now include an iPad for Grades 6th and 7th and a Chromebook for Grades 5th and 8th as a digital tool for learning.

Technology Fee Coverage

-) A required nonrefundable fee of \$30 will be collected annually to help offset repairs. The annual Technology Fee is \$30.00 per device, with a family maximum of \$90.00 for multiple students.
-) The Technology Fee does not cover lost or stolen iPad.
-) Neshaminy School District will supply ONE incident per year in the event of a device is damaged. Additional incidents will cost the student/parent the full value of the device.
 - iPad - \$249.00
 - Chromebook - \$298.00
-) Any damages that occur to district-owned equipment due to the student's negligence will result in the financial accountability on the part of the student.
-) Parents will need to pay the Technology Fee through the school that your child attends ~~at orientation~~ before your student is allowed to take the iPad/Chromebook off of school premises.
-) If students or parents wish to carry their own additional personal insurance to protect the device in cases of theft, loss, or accidental damage, they should consult their insurance agent for details about their personal coverage of the device. Most insurance companies will require a rider for electronics and only provide so much coverage and generally a higher deductible.
-) The annual technology fee affords students the opportunity to use the device at school and at home. This fee is like any other Instructional Material fee that allows a student to use resources that the district provides for learning.
-) The annual Technology Fee is \$30.00 per device, with a family maximum of \$90.00 for multiple students.
-) Free and Reduced will not pay any fee, but proper paper work must be in place to be exempt.
-) The Technology Fee does not cover lost items such as protective cases and cables. Lost items such as cases and cables will be charged the actual replacement cost.
 -) Cases - \$35.00
 -) Power Adaptors - \$30.00
-) By declining, or opting out, of the benefits for participation in the program, your child will not be able to use the device off district property. Your child will still have the same educational opportunities of using the technology during the school day.
-) In the event of an incident, any applicable charges must be paid before a replacement device is issued.

Incident Reporting Procedures

All claims for accidental damage/loss/theft/fire and maintenance must be reported to the Library Media Specialist. In cases of theft/fire or loss, students or parents must file a police or fire report and submit a copy of the report before the device can be replaced.

Misuse/Neglect

-) The assigned student, parent, will report damage resulting from negligence or intentional misuse ~~to the principal's office~~ whether the damage was during or outside of the school day. A parent conference will be held to review the incident and the resulting discipline and charges will be assessed. Please keep in mind that the technology fee specifically states that it does not cover intentional misuse or negligence.
-) Negligent damage should be the remote exception. This type of damage is not limited to the screen, but impacts multiple internal and external areas of the device. **Examples of negligent damage may include but are not limited to, writing on the screen, scratches/etching on the screen or causing, and obvious signs of heavy impact from throwing the device.** This action includes the repair or retail replacement cost (not less than \$300.00) of the device paid for by the parent.

Fee Payment Processing

The payment of the technology fee and completion of this agreement will allow your child to be issued an iPad or Chromebook as a personal learning device in school and/or at home. Students will be expected to complete assignments requiring the use of technology at school and in their home. Internet access is not required for at home assignments that would be graded. Cash or a money order may be used to pay the annual fee at your student's school. All other forms of payment are to be made using <https://www.parentonline.net>

Technology Fee Payment:

Printed Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: ____ Student ID: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Payment Method: (choose one) No Personal Checks will be accepted

____ Cash \$30.00

____ Money Order \$30.00--Made payable to the Neshaminy School District

____ We have selected ParentOnline to process our payment, my transaction # is _____

I have reviewed the Appropriate Use Policy (AUP) and have completed the Appropriate Use Agreement. My Signature and payment of the annual technology fee indicate that I understand and will abide by the policies and procedures of the Neshaminy School District relating to personal learning devices and technology use.

I will work with my child to assist them in abiding by the policies and procedures of the Neshaminy School District relating to personal learning devices and technology use.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Payment Type: Cash

Money Order

ParentOnline Transaction # _____ Payment Date: _____

Chromebook STUDENT PLEDGE FOR NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

I know that I will be issued a Chromebook each year, and I want it to be well maintained. Therefore, I will follow the guidelines for care of my Chromebook.

1. I understand that I must pay the annual Technology Fee of \$30.
2. I will never leave the Chromebook unattended.
3. I will never loan my Chromebook to other individuals.
4. I will know where my Chromebook is at all times.
5. I will arrive at school with my Chromebook fully charged.
6. I will protect the screen from scratches.
7. I will keep food and beverages away from my Chromebook since they may cause damage to it.
8. I will not disassemble or try to repair any part of my Chromebook or attempt any repairs possibly voiding the warranty.
9. I will protect my Chromebook by storing it in the protective case provided by the District.
10. I will not leave my Chromebook in a parked car.
11. I will not place unapproved decorations (stickers, markers, etc.) on the Chromebook.
12. I will not take off, destroy, markup and identifiable information that is attached to the device or case.
13. I understand that my Chromebook is subject to inspection at any time without notice and that it remains the property of Neshaminy School District.
14. I will follow Neshaminy School District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and guidelines when using Mobile Devices.
15. I will use the district-provided Internet resources for educational purposes only.
16. I will file a police report in case of theft.
17. I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
18. I agree to return the District Chromebook, power cords and Chromebook case in good working condition immediately upon request by the District.
19. I agree to pay for the replacement parts for the following in the event any of these items are lost, stolen, or damaged.
Chromebook /iPad- Case \$35.00 Chromebook/iPad - Power Adaptor \$30.00
20. I will return the Chromebook issued to me at the end of each school year. If I withdraw, am suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment for any reason, I will return the school-issued Chromebook on the date of termination.
21. I agree to pay the replacement cost of the District-issued Chromebook if I fail to return it at the end of the school year or upon termination of enrollment. I understand that failure to return the device subjects me to criminal prosecution or civil liability and may result in a theft report being filed with the Middletown Police Department.

I agree to the stipulations set forth in this Student Pledge for Chromebook Use and the Acceptable Use Policy and Mobile Computing Device Guidelines.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Please Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____