



Technology Fee and Device Questions for Parents & Students

Will all students receive laptops?

Students in grades 6 – 12 will receive laptops. There will be some exceptions, such as within limited EC classrooms, where the laptop would not be appropriate based on a student's educational needs.

Will students be able to take the laptops home?

Yes. The 1:1 laptop initiative includes the vision for students to have access to the technology, resources, digital content and devices at home. There may be limited circumstances in which laptops may not go home with students, such as in our alternative schools or as individual student circumstances dictate.

What if parents do not want their student(s) to have a laptop?

All students are being issued devices as a learning requirement of our initiative in the same manner the district issues textbooks or other required curriculum materials. Parents with special concerns should contact their school's principal.

Will students receive a backpack to transport the device?

Yes. Students will receive a backpack or sleeve designed to hold and protect the laptop.

Are students required to use the district-issued backpack/sleeve?

Yes. All students who receive laptops to take home are required to use the district-issued backpacks/sleeves.

What happens to laptops when students move to another school within the district?

The laptop and accessories are to be returned to the current school. With the exception of short-term placements at the alternative schools, the current school will transfer the laptop and accessories as appropriate to the student's new school within Iredell-Statesville Schools.

What happens to laptops when students move to another school outside the district?

If students are withdrawing from I-SS, the laptop, backpack/sleeve, and other accessories will be collected by the current school prior to releasing the student for withdrawal.

Will parents pay a fee for their student(s) to use the device?

Yes. An annual \$50 technology usage fee will be collected per student receiving a laptop. Technology usage fees are not prorated and are not refundable. Our district has utilized a technology usage fee program at CCTL for several years.

Will parents have to pay a fee prior to their student receiving their laptop?

Prior to students receiving a laptop, parent/guardian must sign the Iredell-Statesville Schools Responsible Use Policy & Laptop Use Agreement and do **one** of the following:

- Submit the Technology Usage Fee Form and pay the fee (online or in person)

- Submit the Technology Usage Fee Form, requesting a payment plan with the school
- Submit the Technology Usage Fee Form requesting a reduced fee. (Documentation showing that the student has been approved to receive free or reduced priced meals for the school year will need to be submitted to the school.)

Can the district legally charge a technology usage fee?

Yes. State and local policies, such as N.C.G.S 115c, allow districts to set fees. Typically, this has been student fees, athletic fees, parking fees, graduation/event fees, etc. These types of fees have been implemented in the past few years in several public school districts in NC.

What does the technology usage fee cover?

The technology usage fee will assist with the sustainability of the devices. This includes upgrades, repairs, maintenance and any other district identified ongoing-costs to implement or support the device program. This does NOT cover accidental or intentional damage, neglect, abuse, improper care, loss or theft of the device.

What happens when students do not bring their devices to school or do not have them charged?

School staff will follow current procedures for students who come to school unprepared or do not follow expectations.

Will a police report be required if a laptop is lost or stolen?

Yes. If the theft/loss occurs on school property, administrators will follow current procedures and will notify parents. If the theft/loss occurs off school property, the parent/guardian must contact local law enforcement, complete a police report and notify school staff within **24 hours**.

What happens to the laptops when students go to PE classes?

Each school will have procedures for students and advise them on securing laptops and backpacks for PE classes or athletic events.

Can parents purchase private insurance to cover damages, loss or theft of the laptop?

Yes. Information concerning the purchasing of laptop insurance is available from the school and on the district IMPACT website: <http://www.iss.k12.nc.us/domain/4536>

Will students receive school-issued accounts or email?

Yes. The district will issue Email and device accounts to students.

Note: The laptop, power adapter, backpack/sleeve and other issued accessories are the property of Iredell-Statesville Schools.

For additional information, see the district website: www.iss.k12.nc.us or the IMPACT website: www.iss.k12.nc.us/domain/4536