



Middle School Distance Learning Student Device Access March 2020



For students and parents/guardians, we offer the following information to assist with understanding the required expectations and responsibilities surrounding the care and use of student technology devices. The use of the device is a privilege, not a right. Appropriate and ethical use of these resources leads to student success in the classroom and a strong educational partnership between South Washington County Schools and the home.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students will notify their instructor of any known or suspected problems they may encounter.
- If a student receives any electronic communications that contain inappropriate or questionable content, the student must inform a school official and may be asked to print or forward a copy to school administration.
- Avoid negligent behavior such as drops, exposure to liquids or other foreign substances, temperature extremes, left in unsecure locations, intentionally damaging or destroying the device.
- Do not allow anyone else to have access to the device, including family or friends. When at school, always keep the device in a locked locker or other secure location when not in use.
- Keep all accounts and passwords secure; do not share security credentials with anyone.
- Do not download or install any software applications of any kind for which the student does not have permission.
- Do not attempt to remove or alter programs or alter device settings for which the student does not have permission.
- Students must charge the device each night and bring the device to school each day.
- Do not attempt to repair the device or have the device repaired by anyone other than those sources provided by South Washington County Schools.
- The device is District 833 property and must be surrendered upon request, or withdrawal or suspension from the district.
- Students must not share any personal information about others or themselves unless approved by the instructors and/or the parent/guardian.
- Students will not attempt to remove any labels or other identifiable information from the device, including but not limited to: protective shield, owner bar code stickers.
- Students may not add any stickers, decals, marking, etc to the Chromebook.
- **Devices are property of South Washington Schools and are required to be returned when school resumes.**

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- The success of access to devices at home is dependent on a strong partnership between District 833 and families. Prior to receiving the device, parents and guardians are expected to review these expectations with students.
- It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians discuss their expectations regarding the use of the internet and electronic communications at home. While the District provides filtering and safeguards, parents/guardians will supervise the child's use of the internet and electronic communications at home.
- It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians discuss their expectations regarding any household rules for appropriate use of the device. For example, put the device to bed, but not in the bedroom. It is

suggested to park all technology devices in a common room overnight to discourage late night, unmonitored use and sleep disruption.

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- The device is District 833 property. It must be surrendered upon request, including but not limited to withdrawal or expulsion from school.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

- CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act) is a federal requirement for all K-12 schools to filter internet access for minors and block inappropriate content. South Washington County Schools is required to filter all district provided internet access. We will also continue to filter school issued devices even when the computer is connected to the Internet outside of school. However, no filtering software will block 100% of questionable content.
- The district has policies in place that make all users aware of the responsibilities of acceptable and ethical use of technology resources (Internet & Electronic Communications Acceptable Use - Policy 524, and Bullying Prohibition Policy - Policy 514). Violations of these policies may result in the termination of privileges, denial of access to school district technology resources as well as appropriate disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.
- All devices are examined for any damages or serviceability issues prior to be issued to students.
- If a student fails to return the device as requested within 15 days, a fee for the replacement cost of the device will be assessed to the parent/ guardian. The device will be remotely locked.
- In the event of damage to the device, fines will be communicated to the student and parent/guardian. The dollar value of the damage will be determined by the District and will not exceed the replacement value of the device.
- The devices are covered by a manufacturer’s warranty that covers defects, as well as limited manufacturer defined accidental damages, and while normal wear and tear is anticipated as part of owning a device, negligent or repeated damage, loss or theft is the responsibility of the student and his/her family. School administration may request a conference with the student and/or parent at any time to discuss repeated device damages or other device usage concerns.

Once devices are secured, families may access the internet using the following options:

- Log in to your home wi-fi
- Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi . Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.
- The district also has a limited number of Hotspots available. If Hotspots become available for middle school students, you will be notified the week of March 30.
- Washington County Libraries have district wi-fi available.
- A public space that offers wi-fi.