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1:1 Overview

Tawas Area Schools (TAS) views the use of student mobile devices as essential educational tools for preparing the students of Tawas Area for career- and college-readiness. At grades 5-12, the device will provide students with access to the Web, Google Docs, Google Groups, Google Sites, and other Web 2.0 tools. 1:1 access will make these educational tools readily available to students at both school and at home.

Technology as an Instructional Tool

The primary goal of the teachers of Tawas Area School is to get students to become career- and college-ready. Teachers strive daily to effectively teach the curriculum while developing independent motivated learners who collaborate, communicate, problem-solve, and think critically. Technology puts information at each student's fingertips while allowing him/her to access information, research, assess, and communicate with peers and teachers anywhere and anytime.

Technology will be used in a variety of ways by teachers to enhance instruction. The uses are seemingly endless and will vary based on subject, curriculum, and teaching style. For example, in a flipped classroom model, the teacher provides students with the content in another form, such as a video to watch before the class session instead of lecturing and demonstrating concepts. Then, when the students come to class, they work with the concepts collaboratively with other students and the teacher circulates to guide, question, and support the student's work. In another model for research, the teacher presents a broad guiding question in an online discussion. The students share ideas online before splitting into groups to work to define and narrow the question, find relevant and reputable information, and demonstrate understanding through a project - using the collaborative Google Apps. These models are only a few examples of how this technology can be used to enhance instruction.

Student User Agreement

Access to Student Devices

- The term "student device" refers to devices, batteries, cases, and power cord/chargers.
- Like textbooks, student devices are considered essential learning tools.
- Student devices are on loan to students and remain the property of TAS.
- All student devices are labeled with a TAS tag and bar code. Students may be charged up to the full replacement cost of the student device for tampering with, or turning in, a student device without the TAS tag and bar code.
- Student devices are issued to the student and are meant to be used by the student only for educational purposes. Family members and friends are not to use the student device for any reason.
- The students to whom the devices are assigned are responsible at all times for appropriate use. This means that if others use the student devices to break the rules, the students may still be held responsible.
- Students are expected to keep the student devices in good condition. Failure to do so may result in assessed fines for repair or replacement.

- Students are expected to report any damage to their student devices as soon as possible. All damage reports should be filed in the high school media center.

Content and Privacy

- All users are accountable to all school, district, local, state, and federal laws.
- All data stored on student devices, the TAS network, and Google Apps cloud servers are property of the District and may be subject to review and monitor at any time.
- Additional user accounts created on the student device are subject to the same terms and conditions as the assigned student user.
- Students are expected to notify a staff member immediately if they come across information, images, or messages that are inappropriate, dangerous, or threatening.
- Students who identify or know about a security problem are expected to convey the details to school staff.

General Policies

- Students and families must follow all guidelines set forth in this document and by TAS staff.
- All users of the TAS network and equipment must comply at all times with TAS Acceptable Use Policy.
- All users are accountable to all school, district, local, state, and federal laws.
- Failure to comply with these terms may result in disciplinary action and the confiscation of the student device.

Student Mobile Device Use

Mobile devices are digital devices that can access the Internet, use Web Tools such as Google Apps, run apps, and store digital media. Students are expected to use school issued devices when accessing the district network during the school day and class assignments.

- No student shall establish a private, ad hoc, or peer-to-peer network using personal devices. This includes technology equipped to provide a wireless hotspot.
- Students are not permitted to use any personal device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline including but not limited to suspension, criminal charges, and expulsion.
- Students may only use a device during class with the teacher's permission. A student must comply with a staff member's request to shutdown the device or close the screen.
- Students should only use their devices to access relevant education-related content. They are not to make personal calls or electronically communicate with others, including other students, parents, guardians, friends, and family, from their student devices during class time, except for emergency situations. In emergency situations, students must notify the teacher and get permission for personal use.
- Technology access is provided for educational use by the student. Use of technology for commercial purposes or other unauthorized purposes is expressly forbidden.

Charging and Bringing the Student Mobile Devices to School

- Students are expected to bring their student devices fully charged to school every day.
- A limited number of loaner student devices will be available to check out in the media center for students who do not bring their student devices to school on a first come, first serve basis.
- Students who have multiple occurrences of forgetting their student devices or not bringing their student devices fully charged may face disciplinary action.

Logging into Student Devices

- Students will log into their student devices with their district-issued Google accounts.
- Students should never share their passwords with others unless requested by an administrator.

Managing Personal Content

- Students should store the majority of their work in cloud-based applications such as their TAS issued Google account.
- Students should not store pirated or otherwise illegal content on their student devices or in TAS issued accounts.

Sound

- In class, use of headphones or sound is at the discretion of the teacher. Sound must not interfere with instructional activities.
- Students may purchase and use their own headphones with permission from the instructor.

Printing

- Students are encouraged to digitally share their work with their peers and teachers only for educational purposes (not for cheating or plagiarism purposes).
- For chromebooks, students may print at home by setting up their home printers with Google Cloud Print. More information can be found at <http://www.google.com/cloudprint/learn/>

Applications

- Students are allowed to install pre-approved Chrome extensions from the Chrome Web Store in addition to the pre-installed applications.

Using the Student Devices Outside of School

- Students are encouraged to use their student devices outside of school.
- Internet access via Wi-Fi is required for student devices to access the Google Apps cloud storage; however, for Chromebooks, offline access includes Google Drive Offline and many Chrome Apps.
- Students are expected to follow all TAS policies wherever they use their student devices.

Student Device Care

It is essential for students to use and care for their student devices. As noted previously, “student devices” refers to devices, batteries, cases, and power cords/chargers. Students should observe the following use and care routines with student devices:

At School

- Do not leave student device unattended.
- Do not pile things on top of student device.
- In a locker or backpack, place student device in a vertical position.
- Protect student device from extreme cold or heat and from food or drinks; this will ruin the battery and/or screen.
- Use device in accordance with TAS policies and staff directives.

At Home

- Students are expected to bring student devices to school fully charged. Charge student device completely each night.
- Keep the student device and charger together.
- Do not leave student device in or on an unsafe or unstable location, such as a stool, chair, or on the floor.
- Protect student device from extreme cold or heat, from food or drinks, and from small children and pets.

Traveling To and From School

- Shut down student device before traveling.
- Do not leave student device in a vehicle.
- Report any issues to a parent, guardian, school official, or trusted adult.

Device Care

- Students are required to use protective cases for their student device.
- Never lift student devices by the screen or carry the student device with the screen open.
- Make sure there is nothing on the keyboard before closing the lid.
- Use a soft, dry microfiber cloth; lint-free cloth; or screen wipes listed for safe use on electronic device screens to clean the student device screens.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

TAS makes every effort to ensure that parents/guardians are informed of their responsibilities regarding the 1:1 initiative. These responsibilities are:

Sign the Student/Parent/Guardian Device Agreement

To take home TAS student devices, students and their parents/guardians must read and sign the Device Agreement.

Monitor Student Use

The District will provide CIPA compliant GoGuardian filtering program while operating on our network (at school and at home). The purpose of this filtering program is to protect students from inappropriate content while using the internet at school and at home.

The District has installed an Aristotle filtering program designed to protect students from inappropriate content. No filtering system, however, can guarantee 100% accuracy in eliminating inappropriate content.

The parent/guardian agrees to monitor student device usage at home and away from school. Suggestions for monitoring include:

- Investigating and applying parental controls available through home internet service providers, wireless router settings, and online filtering services.
- Developing a set of rules/expectations for student mobile device use
- Demonstrating interest in, and monitoring of, what the student is doing on the student device
- Viewing advice videos regarding [cybersafety](#), [cybersecurity](#), [digital citizenship](#), and [cyberbullying](#) are available free at Common Sense Media, More information can be found at: <http://commonsensemedia.org/video/advice>.

Returning Student Devices

End of Year/Termination of Enrollment

- At the end of the school year, students will return their student devices. Failure to do so will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost of the device. TAS may also file a report of stolen property with the local law enforcement agency.

Transferring/Withdrawing Students

- Students who transfer or withdraw from the District must turn in their student devices on their last day of attendance. Failure to do so will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost. TAS may also file a report of stolen property with the local law enforcement agency.

Graduating Seniors

- Seniors must return the device and pay any damage/replacement fines prior to receiving cap/gown/diploma and to participate in graduation activities.

Loss, Theft, or Damage

If a device is lost or stolen, this must be reported immediately to the High School Media Specialist at 989-984-2100.

TAS will repair or replace damaged equipment from normal use. The cost for all damage, lost or stolen devices will be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian. The District will invoice the students for the cost of the applicable repairs, or the deductible for said repairs if the student purchased insurance.

The school district will treat a lost device as stolen and will assist the authorities in tracking the device with the school's remote access. In the event of theft, a police report must be submitted to the Media Specialist in order to receive a loaner computer while the situation is being resolved.

Warranty

The District will repair or replace equipment that is deemed to be a manufacturing defect at no cost.

Insurance Premium

Students are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance on their school issued device. The insurance premium is \$25 annually.

Chromebook parts and replacement costs are as follows:

PARTS	WITH INSURANCE	WITHOUT INSURANCE
FULL REPLACEMENT	\$100.00	\$303.00
SCREEN	\$30.00	\$60.00
KEYBOARD	\$30.00	\$60.00
POWER PORT	\$15.00	\$30.00
CHARGER	\$15.00	\$30.00

Other costs: To be determined through appropriate assessment up to the full coverage of the student device.

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Student Handbook & Technology User Agreement Signature Form

Student Information: (PLEASE PRINT)

Last Name: _____ First Name : _____

Student ID Number: _____ Student Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Information: (PLEASE PRINT)

Last Name: _____ First Name : _____

Primary Contact Number: _____

To review the following handbooks please visit: www.tawas.net, under the HS Parent Resources page.

Parent-Student Handbook

By signing below, you verify you have reviewed the Tawas Area Elementary, Middle, or High School Parent-Student Handbook. The Tawas Area Board of Education has approved the rules and regulations contained herein as the official policies which students must follow while in attendance at Tawas Area Schools. This includes participation in athletics and extracurricular activities.

Technology User Agreement

By signing below, you verify you have reviewed the TAS 1:1 Student Device Handbook. As a parent I will make every effort to ensure that I, my child, or ward will also comply with the terms and conditions stated in the handbook.

I understand that it is impossible for the District to control and restrict access to all controversial or inappropriate materials that may be accessible through the District's student devices. I agree to hold the district and its officers, agents, and employees harmless in the event my child obtains access to controversial or inappropriate materials while using the District's technology and or student device. I also understand that the cameras and microphones have been activated on my child's chromebook to assist with a more positive education experience. I understand that if my student uses these tools, in a manner not for their intended educational purposes, my student will face disciplinary consequences according to the TAS Student Handbook. In consideration for the privilege of my child or ward using the TAS student device, I hereby release and hold harmless the Tawas Area School District, its officers, board members, employees and agents, and any entity affiliated with the District, from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, or claim for injury or damages that I or my child or ward may incur arising out of the use of the District's student device.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tawas Area Schools is required to provide parents a choice as to how they wish to receive information from our School Messenger "All-Call" system. Please **read** the following:

- ☐ I have placed a check in the box to indicate that I **DO NOT** wish to receive Phone calls or emails from the Tawas Area School automated system. I understand that I will receive ONLY emergency-type information, which includes school closings and early dismissal.

This form is to be signed and turned in to the media specialist. A duplicate of this form can always be found on the main page of all student devices.