
Ballard County Schools
ChromeConnect Agreement

Ballard County Schools are continuing the 1:1 Chromebook initiative called ChromeConnect for students grades K-12 in an effort to better engage students in 21st Century Learning and increase student ownership of their learning and the learning process. Students will be using Chromebooks in the classroom as a part of routine instruction. **A \$20 non-refundable technology fee is required for all students.** Middle School and High School Students who have signed this agreement along with their parents and have paid their \$20 technology fee will be allowed to take their assigned Chromebook home to continue school work. Elementary School Students will be leaving their assigned devices on campus.

Chromebooks are the property of Ballard County Schools and are being loaned to the student during the academic school year. **Once assigned a Chromebook, students will keep the same device for the remainder of their time in each school or until the device is removed from the fleet, so it is in the best interest of the students to take care of their assigned device.** Students may not deface or destroy this property in any way. This includes both the Chromebook and the charger assigned to the student. Any damages to Chromebooks or their chargers will be reported to school administration.

As the Chromebook is district property, the contents of a student's Chromebook may be viewed at any time by school administration. Teachers reserve the right to limit Chromebook usage during class. Student use of a Chromebook off school grounds is a privilege and may be revoked at any time by school administration. If the privilege is revoked, no refunds will be given.

It is the student's responsibility to care for their assigned Chromebook and ensure that it remains in a safe environment. If there is a claim for damage or loss, there is a deductible to be paid by the student/parent per occurrence. If the technology fee has been paid, the deductible will be 50% of the cost to make the repair. If a student/parent has not paid the technology fee, he/she will be responsible for 100% of the repair. If the assigned Chromebook is lost, the student/parent will be responsible for 100% of the cost of a replacement device. Chargers are considered consumables, and any damage or loss will be the sole responsibility of the student/parent. Replacement chargers must be purchased through the school. The technology fee will cover the academic year and will be due at the beginning of the school year. Any balance due from the previous year must be paid prior to this year's membership. Any student with an outstanding balance will be ineligible to take the device home.

The Chromebook must be used in accordance with the district's technology policies and the Acceptable User Policy (AUP). The student understands the use of the Chromebook is a privilege and acknowledges responsibility to protect and safeguard the Chromebook. Furthermore, the student shall return the Chromebook in good condition at the end of the academic year. The device will be checked over during the return process/over the summer, and students/parents will be responsible for any damages identified to the students assigned Chromebook. Devices will only be repaired if it affects the performance of the device for the student. For example, if there is a small hairline crack down the screen, we will not replace the screen as the Chromebook is still functioning. This is also true for missing keys that are still working unless the keys have been broken in a way that could cause harm to the student or there is an excess amount of damaged keys. Repairs will be completed at the discretion of Technology staff.

If a Chromebook is damaged or lost, the incident must be reported to school administration as soon as possible. Each incident will be reported to the designated Chromebook Station at each school and tracked throughout the repair process. Users should develop a complete time frame with all details of the incident. If theft is suspected, a police report must be filed immediately. If an incident happens in the evening, please inform school administration by 8:00 AM the following school day. A student whose Chromebook is being repaired will be assigned a loaner to use until the repair is complete and the deductible is paid, pending availability.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR CHROMEBOOK USAGE:

- **Students must be prepared for class by bringing their Chromebooks FULLY charged EVERY day.**
 - Students are allowed to purchase their own case for the protection of their device, but cases are not provided by the district.
 - Headphones/ear buds may be used in class with teacher permission.
 - **Students are responsible for their device and should not loan their Chromebook to another user.**
 - Failure to adhere to these policies and practices may result in the student being ineligible to take the device home.
 - If peripherals are purchased for the device (wireless mice or other accessories), Ballard County Schools is not responsible for the devices that are left in Chromebooks after they are turned in for repair or at the end of the year.
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PLEASE SIGN BELOW:

I have received a copy of Ballard County Schools' Acceptable Use Policy and have read and understand the requirements for the Chrome Connect Initiative. I accept responsibility for abiding by the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement.

Student Name: _____
Printed Signature

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Printed Signature

Date: ____/____/____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: (for office use only)

Date: ____/____/____ Amount Paid: \$_____ Check Cash Staff: _____