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Overview and Use

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Classroom environments in the Clarke County School District are designed for students and teachers to access a multitude of resources centered around learning technologies for communication, presentation, research, practice and assessment. Today, all students in grades 3-12 have a district-provided device they are able to use in and out of school. All classrooms in grades K-2 are equipped with digital devices at a minimum ratio of 1 device per 3 students. Learning technologies do not drive the curriculum; rather, the core skills and knowledge are acquired through student creativity using a variety of technology tools.

Guidelines for Use

By a student taking home a Personal Learning Device (PLD), which remains the property of the Clarke County School District, the student agrees to the following:

- Follow the district's Acceptable Use Policy IFBG and the associated Regulation IFBG-R(1), which can be found here: *http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/PolicyIFBG and http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/RegulationIFBGR1*. Some of the guidelines for use include:
  - All use and access must be in accordance with school district policies and laws, including copyright laws.
  - Students shall not compromise for themselves or use another person's account or password.
  - Students shall not access or transmit material that is obscene, indecent or pornographic.
  - For the full list, please visit the links above.
- Follow the district's Student Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at *http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/Code*, and includes the following:
  - <u>Cyberbulling.</u> A student shall not transmit any electronic communication that has the effect of bullying, harassing, threatening or exposing another to humiliation or ridicule, including, but not limited to, sending e-mail, text messaging, making web site postings – including on all social media.
  - <u>Damage to or Destruction of School Property</u>. A student shall not damage or deface, attempt to damage or deface or threaten to damage or deface school property or other property of another.
  - <u>Theft of School Property.</u> A student shall not steal or attempt to steal school property.
  - For the full Student Code of Conduct, please visit the link above.
- Keep the PLD and all accessories in good condition.

- Know that all activity, including emails and files, are subject to review and the property of the Clarke County School District.
- Notify a staff member if coming across information, images or messages that are inappropriate, dangerous or threating.

Damaged, Lost or Stolen Devices and/or Accessories

If a device is damaged, lost or stolen, a staff member should immediately be notified. In the event of an intentionally damaged device, the student/parent is responsible and a student/parent meeting will occur at the school prior to a new device being issued. General wear and tear is covered by the district's Technology Support Services Division at no charge. If equipment is stolen, a police report must be filed and a copy of the report must be provided to the school by the student or parent on the next day the school is open for business. In the case of chronic damage, students may be provided with a loaner that they are not able to use outside of the school building.

Best Practices

Learning technologies do not drive the curriculum; rather, the core skills and knowledge are acquired through student creativity using a variety of technology tools. Our learning technology classrooms are not about e-books and digital worksheets; that is not transformative. It's about Skype sessions with authors, writing code, collaborating, researching, creating presentations and much more. Teachers receive targeted professional development, and our infrastructure has been strengthened to support increased wireless activity.

So students can take full advantage of our innovative digital learning environments, here are best practices to support engaging classrooms:
- The PLD is an educational tool and should be used as such.
- Devices should be fully charged each day when brought to school.
- Devices should not be left in vehicles.
- Personal markings, stickers, etc. should not be put on the devices or cases, as theses are the property of the school district.
- Login information must be kept secure.
- Remember that all use on the device, including emails on any system, are monitored.
- Abide by all copyright regulations.
- Use the device to be innovative and creative!

For More Information

Visit our Instructional Technology web site at: *http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/LearningTechnologies*. Here, you can view information about how we use digital tools to help create highly engaging classrooms!