



Project STRIVE FAQ's for Students & Parents Grades 5-8

How much do I have to pay for my laptop?

- An annual \$25.00 technology rental fee will be required before laptop checkout. This money will go into a pool to pay for insurance as well as deductibles on claims not covered by Apple Care. While we reserve the right to charge more for intentional or malicious damage or theft, we don't anticipate any student being financially burdened by any costs associated with this initiative.

Where does the money come from for the laptops?

- The annual lease of the laptops will be financed by REAP grant funds and the state tax penny funds.

Why did the school choose Apple laptops?

- Apple has a long-standing tradition of partnering with public education and designing programs that are targeted for the classroom. They provide relevant staff training and hardware support. The MacBook is designed to spend time traveling in a case wherever you need to take it. The design eliminates parts that can snag or break off and the case is durable.

Can my student arrive early or stay late at school to do research, etc.?

- The high school building is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each school day.

What happens if the laptop stops working?

- AppleCare is the name of Apple's Protection Plan and our lease includes this service for the entire 4 years. Most often laptops will have to be mailed in to AppleCare and should be returned to us in working condition or replaced within a week or two. Loaner laptops will be available for students while theirs is being repaired, and they will be able to access their files and documents from the server to use with the loaner laptop.

If my student's laptop breaks, who will determine if the problem is a manufacturing defect or if it is negligence on the part of the student?

- The insurance company will determine if it is a covered loss. Intentional damage or malicious mischief will result in 100% of the replacement or repair being paid by the student.

What happens if someone else intentionally damages my student's laptop?

- This would be vandalism. If it happens at school and can be proven, a police report will be filed. The student who vandalized the computer would pay the full cost to replace or repair the damage. If it happened at school, disciplinary action will be taken. If the student who vandalizes the computer refuses or fails to pay restitution for the damage, the case will be turned over to the County Attorney.

Can I carry my MacBook in my own case or backpack?

- No. Students must carry their MacBook in the school-issued case only. This is the only way we can ensure adequate protection... especially to the display (screen), the most fragile part of the laptop.

Can the students change the outward appearance of their laptop?

- Only the provided identification label should be on the outside of the computer. No other items of any kind can be added to the laptop.

Can I use my laptop during breakfast or lunch?

- No. Laptops are not allowed in the Commons during mealtimes. Food & drinks should always be kept away from your laptop.

How will the school know what we do on the MacBooks?

- Apple Remote Desktop can be used to watch, block, send messages, etc., at any time you are on the local network. Student will randomly be monitored throughout the school day. Refer to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Laptop Acceptable Use Policy. The policies and procedures outlined in those documents will be enforced.

Where does a student go for technical support?

- Library—Mrs. Clayton

How do I deal with the power limitations of a laptop?

- Students should charge their laptop every night at home and always bring it to school fully charged. A fully charged battery should get at least 4 hours of use during the school day. Students will carry their power cords with them in their cases and, if needed, could plug into outlets and power strips to charge in any class. Supervised places such as the library could possibly be used as charging stations over lunch, etc., if needed.

Can I listen to music if finished with all work?

- This is a decision left up to the individual teacher. Headphones must be used at all times. Students must provide their own headphones. Profanity, explicit lyrics, and/or any derogatory language on the school-issued computer are against the Project STRIVE Policy and could be cause for disciplinary action.

Where do I print?

- Over time, the printing needs will decrease. When a print out is absolutely necessary, 7-12 students can print to the Library laser printers through the network. 6th Grade students can print to the printer in the Coaches' Office across from room 122 or to the library, whichever is closest.

When printing at school, make sure you know which printer you are printing to. Only print the document once. If it doesn't print, ask someone for help. Don't close the lid of your laptop until your document is printed. Closing the lid breaks the connection with the printer.

How will we back up our laptops?

- Laptops will automatically sync with the server at login and logout and periodically throughout the day to ensure that the Documents folder and their Desktop always has a copy on the server. Music, Movies, and Photos will NOT be backed up by the server, so it is up to you to back-up with CDs, DVDs, flashdrives, etc.

What should I do with my laptop...

- ...in between classes? Put the laptop to sleep and carry it in the school-issued case.
- ...during lunch? Put the laptop to sleep, put it inside the protective case, and lock it in your locker or put it back on the cart to charge.
- ...during PE, sports practice, etc? Store laptops in the cases, locked in student lockers.
(Laptops are not allowed in locker rooms.)

Can we use our own personal MacBook (or any laptop) at school instead of the school-issued one?

- No. While at school, everyone will need to use the school-issued computer. This will have the settings, access to the server, and programs needed by the student while at school. This policy also helps protect the school's servers and networks from viruses and other network issues. The student's personal computer may be used at home, of course.

Will my student use traditional textbooks?

- Many classes will still use traditional textbooks. The laptop computer is an instructional tool to allow the student to have greater access to learning resources.

Will my student have an email account?

- At this time, your student will not be given an email account unless requested by a classroom teacher. If a teacher wishes to use email for a class project, your student will be issued a Gaggle email account. Gaggle is a student/education centered safe email account for students.