

Is the \$50 fee over three years or just a one-time fee?

The Device Maintenance Fee is a yearly fee. (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 2)

Why a \$50 fee now?

The reason for the \$50 Fee starting 18/19 School Year is because in all previous years, students were not given a specific device to basically call their own. This is the first year students will be allowed to take the personal device home. In the past students picked up a device from a cart at the start of a class and put it back into a cart at the end of class. The District, in accordance with the practice of most NJ Districts, now charges a small fee to cover the cost of damage to a personal device. This way parents aren't paying hundreds of dollars if a device is damaged in school or at home. Simply, since students are now assigned a particular device and they can take the device home, the \$50 fee is charged as a protection for families.

What does the \$50 fee cover?

Device Maintenance Fee covers a maximum of two incidents per year with no deductible. Incidents are as follows (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 3):

- Accidental Damage (drops/spills)
- Cracked Screen (accidental)
- Fire
- Theft (police report must be submitted to the District)
- Liquid Submersion
- Power Surge
- Manufacturer's Defect / Hardware Failure

Does the \$50 cover a total replacement of the Chromebook (rather than repair) if the extent of the damage warrants it?

Yes, if the repair falls under the covered incidents the District may choose replace the Chromebook rather than repair it. In the event it is replaced the student will be re-assigned a new Chromebook.

What does the \$50 fee not cover? (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 3)

- 3+ Incidents per year
- Intentional Damage / Vandalism
- Lost Equipment

What happens when I pay the \$50 fee and the Chromebook is under repair?

The student will be assigned a loaner Chromebook that they can use and take home until their assigned Chromebook is repaired. Once repair is completed their assigned Chromebook will be returned to them.

Why \$50 per year?

We are expecting the usable lifetime of the Chromebook model that the District purchased to be 3 years. This specific model is best suited for academic needs. These Chromebooks were selected for their durability, the ability to be stored and charged in the Carts we already possess, and for the ease in which the District can centrally manage software updates via the Mobile Device Management software. These model Chromebooks would cost the District close to \$300 to replace. Therefore, like one's yearly car or homeowner's policy, asking for \$50 yearly to insure the device seems very reasonable.

Will my student have the same Chromebook for all three years of Middle School (assuming it is not replaced due to damage)?

Yes. The serial number will be recorded and the device will be assigned solely to your child.

Will this be the device on which the students take PARCC?

Yes. PARCC testing requires a specific app on the Chromebook to be utilized in "KIOSK" mode. The District's Mobile Device Management software will deploy this app automatically.

If I Opt out can the student take the device home?

No. (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 2)

Do I need to pay the \$50 if my child will not take the Chromebook out of school?

Remember, this \$50 fee protects you. If a parent/student opts out of the \$50 fee, in addition to not being able to take the device home, they are risking the fact that if the student's Chromebook is damaged during the daytime inside the building (ie falls of a desk) they could be charged for the cost of the repair.

What can they do on a Chromebook without internet connections?

Not much since the device is a primary used as an on-line experience. Chrome OS does have offline versions of Docs, sheets and slides that will sync with your child's google classroom account when they get back online or back into school. Simply, Wi-Fi is needed to operate the device.

Is the Chromebook Usage Tracked and/or Filtered?

Yes. The District's Mobile Device Management software does log usage as well as provide Off Campus Filtering. The District ***will not*** remotely view the device's screen or activate any audio/video features on the device (cameras and microphones). (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 4)

Can Students Play Games with the Chromebook?

No, a Chromebook and the Chrome OS device is not supported by many online games and others do not run due to the lack of memory in the video processor to draw the graphics of online gaming. In addition to the hardware limitations the District is providing the Chromebooks to be used for activities like accessing on-line textbooks, accessing to our classroom management systems, and working individually or collaboratively using google docs which are all relevant to the classroom curriculum. (Refer to Device Maintenance Agreement Page 3 and 4)