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McKinney ISD

6-12

Parent/Student Handbook

McKinney ISD's ongoing commitment to student learning and engagement coupled with the diverse learning styles of 21st-century students created an opportunity to redefine the way our students collaborate, create and communicate. 1:The World will support the design of lessons that meet the needs of digital learners both inside and outside the four walls of the traditional classroom.



MISD Vision Mission and Beliefs

Vision:

We are a cohesive, diverse community providing engaging learning experiences for all.

Mission:

We will provide engaging learning opportunities so students can become effective communicators, quality contributors, and socially responsible citizens.

Beliefs:

- Partnerships between students, parents, community members, and staff are foundational to educational success
- Positive school culture and a safe environment foster growth.
- Everyone has inherent value and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Learning is an active process requiring engaging tasks and engaging minds.
- Relevant and authentic experiences ignite continuous, deeper learning.
- Meaningful relationships enrich learning.
- Confidence fuels risk-taking and higher achievement.
- Financial stewardship ensures a tomorrow for education.



MISD Graduate Profile

Effective Communicator

Comprehends and expresses ideas clearly through various means and modes of communication

- Effective communicators can interpret and decode meaning through varied forms including listening, reading, speaking, writing, interpreting, and creating graphic images and mathematical interpretations of symbols.
 - Technologically literate
 - Collaborative
 - Capable listener
 - Respectful
 - Financially literate
 - Information literate

Socially Responsible Citizens

Understands and appreciates cultural differences, their contributions, impact, and interrelatedness in a global economy

- Socially responsible citizens understand the importance of being a contributing member of a democratic society in a diverse world and will make ethical decisions with the improvement of future societies in mind.
 - Ethical
 - Globally aware
 - Community contributors
 - Values equality and justice
 - Appreciates diversity

Quality Contributor

Continually seeks to achieve quality results and outcomes through individual accountability, leadership, teamwork, and lifelong learning using multiple methods of technologies and resources.

- Quality contributors are creative, innovative thinkers that can solve complex problems to achieve quality results through meaningful research.
 - Critical thinker
 - Creative
 - Innovative
 - Individually accountable
 - Risk-taker
 - Continuous learner



FAQs

What kind of computer will my student be issued?

Students will be provided with a 13" Apple MacBook Air laptop. Students who enroll later in the school year may be provided with a newer refurbished device depending on the campus's inventory.

How is this initiative being funded?

Funding for the expansion will come from two sources: 2021 Bond Program Investment Interest Earnings and 2021 Bond Program Completed Project Savings. The expanded program will include a five-year usage cycle and an initial deployment of approximately 13,800 MacBooks.

Will my student be allowed to bring her laptop home from school with her?

Yes! The goal of this initiative is a blended learning model that will connect students with learning resources outside the four walls of their classroom. Students will be issued a 13" MacBook Air laptop and this device will serve as their technology tool for school. Student devices will come home each night and go back to school the following day, just like a binder or a textbook would.

Is there an "Opt-Out" choice?

1:The World is an instructional initiative supported by technology. Students will be expected to bring their laptops to school each day to use at school as well as at home. Students may bring a personal laptop if they wish. Parents may file an Application for Exception available from campus administration, pursuant to McKinney Independent School District Board of Trustees' Policies EMB (LEGAL) and EMB (LOCAL).

I am not comfortable with my child being responsible for such an expensive piece of equipment. I can't afford to replace it if it gets broken.

Lost, damaged, or stolen devices will be maintained via a student assurance fee. Please see the Parent-Student laptop agreement for details.

My student is a 6th grader. How will the changes to the elementary 1:The World model impact her as a new secondary student?

Based on the changes for our elementary 1:The World model, all Incoming 2021-22 6th graders will have any "damage incidents" from elementary school removed from their records. They will begin middle school with a clean slate. They will, however, be responsible for the annual usage fee that covers damages and loss. Please see the Parent/Student agreement for details.

How do I pay for my child's annual assurance fee?

Beginning in late July, assurance fees can be paid through the Home Access Center using a credit or debit card. Cash or check payments can be made in person at your child's campus. Assurance fees will be attached to all student accounts for students in grades 6-12 and removed after payment is made.

How can I be sure that my student will be safe on the Internet while using this technology at home?

As with all technology, parent supervision is critical to student safety on the Internet while at home. The district will support cyber-safety by adding a filter to each device. Student's Internet access will be filtered at home as they are at school.

Why a Mac? There are much less expensive laptops or tablets on the market.

After much research, planning, goal setting, etc. the district made a final decision that a Mac would best serve our student's needs as well as be the most cost-efficient device. The Macs we currently have in the district have the longest life span of any of our laptop devices, and users report half the issues we see with other Windows-based units. We have options for all of the Office tools on a Mac as well as the Apple suite of productivity software tools.

Will my student get a backpack in which to carry his laptop?

*Backpacks will **not** be provided for students to carry their laptops. Students should provide their own case in order to protect their devices.*

If my student withdraws from MISD, where should I return his/her laptop computer?

Should any student withdraw from MISD the student laptop should be returned to the campus the student attended. Campus administrators can direct you to the process they have in place on the campus for laptop return.

Who should I contact if my student's laptop is stolen?

If your student's laptop is stolen at school your first contact should be the campus administration. If your student's laptop is stolen at your home etc. you should contact the police and then contact your campus administrator during regular business hours with a police report.

Can my student use her own iTunes account or email account on this laptop?

Yes. Students may use their personal accounts for email and iTunes. Google email accounts will be provided for students through MISD as well. Email access and rights are determined by grade level.

What should we do if my child's laptop begins to have technical issues?

District technicians are available on campus. Students having technical issues with their devices should contact the technician on the campus to get a resolution. A student help desk application will be made available and a process for submitting help tickets will be communicated to all campuses.

How do you know that students are using these devices appropriately?

This program does require a level of trust and responsibility for students. Students are required to read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy for MISD and adhere to the Student Code of Conduct. If students violate either of these policies, they may be subject to disciplinary action per the MISD Student Code of Conduct.

Giving access to computers in the classroom is a carefully constructed process that takes into account curricular design. It is also an opportunity for teachers to model the responsible use of technology and teach Internet etiquette. The District has a filter in place that is the same for all MISD technology regardless of type, (desktop, laptop, and/or tablet computer). This filter will be in place at home and at school.

What programs will come preloaded on the laptops?

Microsoft Office for Mac, iLife, and iWork will come pre-loaded on your student's laptop. Mac laptops also come with other tools for student use including iBooks, Mail, Google Chrome, and Safari Internet browsers. All students have access to their own Google Drive account with storage.

Will my student be able to download software to his device?

Student-owned software will be restricted from installation on student laptops. Any necessary course-specific software will be accessible to download from the MISD Self-Service Portal. This includes any software required for dual credit courses from Collin College.

Will my student be able to use FaceTime or iMessage on her district-provided laptop?

Both the FaceTime and iMessage applications will be restricted for students on their district-provided laptops.

Can we add a wireless home printer to our student's laptop computer?

Yes. Directions for adding a wireless printer driver through the MISD Self-Service Portal will be provided for your student.

How will my child submit assignments with his laptop?

Students will use the Canvas Learning Management system to access course materials, content, resources, and a dropbox portal for student/teacher workflow.

Will course textbooks be available online to access via my child's laptop computer?

As vendors continue to provide online access to their textbooks and ancillary materials, we will make them available through the corresponding courses in Canvas and our Rapid Identity SSO user portal.

If this initiative is going to last 5 years of my student's school career, will I need to provide extra memory for my student's laptop in order to account for larger files?

All MISD students have their own Google Drive account with storage space. Best practices for saving work will be to save documents to a student Google cloud drive.

Can my student customize his laptop with stickers or a personal cover?

Yes. Students are encouraged to provide a personal cover for their devices. As long as stickers are "school appropriate" (no depictions of drugs, violence, nudity, etc.) students are free to customize their device with them.

How can I manage my student's screen time at home when you have provided him with a device to use anytime he wants?

Nothing should change about the rules of your home when it comes to technology. These devices are being provided as tools for learning and any use beyond schoolwork would be a parent/family decision based on your standards for technology use for your child in your home. Home Internet providers can also provide information on tools for monitoring screen time at home.

Will I have an opportunity to purchase my child's laptop when he graduates?

Yes. Graduating seniors will have the option to purchase their device based on the fair market value of the laptop at the time of their graduation.



General Rules for Student Issued Laptop Use

Inappropriate Content-

- Inappropriate content will not be allowed on laptop computers.
- Presence of weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, gang-related symbols will result in disciplinary actions.

Deleting Files-

- Do not delete any folders or files you did not personally create or do not recognize from your laptop. Deletion of certain files will result in a computer failure and will interfere with your ability to complete classwork.

No Loaning or Borrowing Laptops-

- Do NOT loan your laptop to other students
- Do NOT borrow a laptop from another student
- Do NOT share usernames or passwords

Music, Videos, Games or Programs

- Illegal downloading of music, video, or games is prohibited on your student laptop.
- Illegal downloading and distribution of copyrighted works are serious offenses that carry with the risk of substantial monetary damages and in some cases criminal prosecution
- Copyright infringement also violates the MISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Resources and could lead to the suspension from MISD's Internet service.
- Students found with illegal files on their computer will have their laptop confiscated and re-imaged with a \$15.00 re-imaging fee assessed.
- See more about copyright at www.respectcopyrights.org



McKinney ISD 1: The World Laptop Program Terms of Service

Terms:

In order to issue the laptops, McKinney ISD charges a non-refundable annual usage fee of 50.00 for students in grades 6-12 prior to taking possession of the property. Parents and students must comply at all times with the *MISD Student Code of Conduct* including the *MISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Resources*. Any failure to comply may cause the termination of student rights to possession immediately and MISD may take the laptop.

McKinney ISD provides the laptop "As-is". McKinney ISD makes no warranties, express or implied, or merchantability, marketability, fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, except as set forth herein. Any implied warranties are expressly disclaimed and excluded.

Title:

At all times the legal title to the laptop is maintained by McKinney Independent School District. Your right of possession and use is limited to and conditioned upon your full and complete compliance with the *McKinney ISD Student Code of Conduct* including the *MISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Resources* (available on the district website), and the *McKinney ISD Parent-Student Laptop Agreement*.

You have no rights of confidentiality when using the laptop. Contents of email, information regarding your internet usage, and network communications may be reviewed at the sole discretion of McKinney ISD. By signing this Agreement, you further acknowledge that McKinney ISD is required by law to comply with the Texas Public Information Act. As such, you agree to fully and timely comply with any and all directives issued by McKinney ISD in its efforts to comply with the Public Information Act. You further recognize that this may mean that email content, internet use history, network communications, and other similar information shall be releasable to third parties if so required by law.

Storage:

If you are lacking sufficient storage space on the laptop, you will be required to delete music, games, photos, etc., in order to make necessary instructional-related programs accessible. It is your responsibility to ensure that work is not lost due to mechanical failure, accidental deletion or re-imaging. It is recommended that student use "cloud" storage programs which allow access to documents from other computers via the Internet.

Term of Agreement:

Your right to use and possess the laptop terminates no later than the last day of the school year, unless terminated earlier by McKinney ISD, or upon withdrawal from the district.

Appropriation:

Your failure to return the laptop in a timely manner will be considered unlawful appropriation of McKinney ISD property and appropriate legal action will be taken.

Indemnity Provision:

You shall defend, exempt, indemnify and hold harmless McKinney ISD, its officers, agents, servants, representatives, and/or employees of and from any and all claims, suits, actions, legal proceedings, demands, damages, or judgments, including all expenses, attorney fees, witness fees, costs, and costs and expenses of appeals therefrom, arising out of your use of the laptop including, but not limited to, your intentional or negligent acts and/or omissions. This paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.

Loss or Damage:

If the laptop is damaged, lost, or stolen, you are required to report the incident and be responsible for any damages to the device as outlined in the Parent-Student Laptop Agreement. Students in default of the annual usage fee will be responsible for the full amount of damages based on the price list below. Any report of theft must include a police report submitted within 24 hours of the theft.

Loss, Damage, Neglect	Repair/Replacement Cost
Broken Screen	\$165.00
Keyboard	\$199.00
Power Adapter and Cord	\$75.00
Battery	\$59.00
Re-image of hard drive due to AUP violation	\$15.00
Fair Market Value of Device	\$769.00



Student and Parent Laptop Usage Agreement

McKinney ISD Secondary Student Laptop Annual Usage Fee

Based on TEC 11.158 the school district may require payment of a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual maintenance cost for the use of musical instruments, technology, and uniforms owned or rented by McKinney ISD.

McKinney ISD will require an Annual Usage Fee of \$50* for the use of laptops for students in grades 6-12. The annual fee will cover the first incident of accidental damage, theft, fire, water damage, or vandalism with no deductible. (A police report will be required within 24 hours of reporting a theft of a device.) Subsequent incidents over the life of the computer will incur a 125.00 deductible per loss. Students will be responsible for the full cost of repair for intentional damage.

Loss	Deductible
First incident	\$0.00
All subsequent incidents	\$125.00

Students in default of the annual usage fee will be responsible for the full amount of damages based on the price list below. Any report of theft must include a police report submitted within 24 hours of the theft.

Loss Damage or Neglect	Repair/Replacement Cost
Broken Screen	\$450.00
Keyboard	\$199.00
Power Adapter and Cord	\$75.00
Battery	\$99.00
Fair Market Value of Device	\$769.00

Students will be issued a new laptop computer on a 5-year rotation beginning in the 3rd grade. Assurance fees will be assessed annually beginning in the 6th grade. The one-time, zero dollar deductible, will reset when a new computer is issued to a student at the 5-year mark (the beginning of 8th grade).

*\$25.00 for students receiving free/reduced lunch