

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

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District Provided Mobile Computing Devices

Cottonwood Joint School District is committed to providing a safe, rigorous, and engaging learning environment that prepares all students to be career and college ready. Accessing and using technological resources is one of the cornerstones of a 21st century education. This document describes the rules for acceptable use of school-issued mobile computing devices. Using these resources responsibly will promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, fostering creativity, and promoting communication in a safe, secure environment for all users.

Distributing Mobile Computing Devices

Before they are issued a device, each student must submit a Student Mobile Computing Device Agreement and a copy of the Internet Access Conduct Agreement. Each form must be signed by the student and by their parent or guardian if they are less than 18 years of age.

At the end of the school year, the school will collect all devices from students. At the school's discretion, students may be issued devices to support summer programs.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the maintenance of records regarding the devices, including tracking device inventory, and which device is issued to which student.

Care and Safety

Students are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued by the District and are expected to observe the following precautions:

1. No food or drink is allowed next to a device while it is in use;
2. Insert and remove cords, cables, and removable storage devices carefully;
3. Shut down the device when not in use to conserve battery life,
4. Stickers, drawings, or permanent markers may not be used on the device;
5. Do not vandalize the device or any other school property;
6. The device must never be left in any unsupervised area,
7. Do not place anything near the device that could put pressure on the screen;
8. Clean the screen with a soft, dry cloth or anti-static cloth; and
9. The device should not be stored anyplace that is subject to extreme temperatures.

The Superintendent will designate an individual or office at the school level where devices must be taken if they break or fail to work properly.

Use at School

The devices are intended for use at school each day. Students are responsible for bringing their device to all classes, unless specifically advised not to do so by their teacher. Power cords must stay with the device at all times, and the device must be returned for recharging at the end of each school day. Repeat failures to comply with these requirements will result in disciplinary action.

Students without a device will use a computer in the classroom or a device from the lending pool depending upon availability and the administrator's discretion. This includes students whose devices are undergoing repair.

Sound must be muted or headsets must be used at all times unless the teacher directs otherwise.

Students may use printers in classrooms, the library, and computer labs with teachers' permission during class or breaks. All printing should be limited to educational purposes.

While at no time does the device become the personal property of students or staff; students may place individualized items on the device, which are limited to music, pictures, and other items that do not hinder the network or device functionality.

Students may be permitted to select their own screen savers and backgrounds provided they are appropriate. Screensavers, backgrounds, or other pictures containing guns, weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drugs, gang related symbols or pictures, the student's password or other items deemed inappropriate by the administration will result in disciplinary actions.

Student may not add options or upgrades to the device, change the operating system, or add unauthorized software or safety controls.

Should students or parents/guardians place personalized items on the device, such items may be accessed or viewed by District staff at any time, for any reason, including randomly selected device reviews. No content placed on District provided devices is privileged or confidential.

Managing Files

Once details are known about the availability of file space that is shared or is backed up automatically, the Superintendent will set a procedure for where students and teachers should save important documents.

Students should also back up their work frequently using removable file storage or by e-mailing important document to themselves. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is not lost due to mechanical failure or accidental deletion. Device malfunctions are not an acceptable excuse for not submitting work.

Software

The software originally installed by the District must remain on the device in usable condition and be easily accessible at all times.

From time to time the school may add or update software applications. The licenses for such software sometimes require that the software be deleted from devices at the completion of a course. Periodic checks of devices will be made to ensure that students have deleted software that is no longer required in class and that the school has not exceeded its licenses.

All devices will be equipped with anti-virus protection software which will be upgraded regularly

It is the responsibility of individual students to be aware of additional software programs and files loaded onto their device which are required for classes or school activities.

Students wishing to add additional software onto a device must first obtain the permission of the school's technology department. Any additional software must be appropriate for the school environment and comply with the Internet Access Conduct Agreement. Violent games and computer images containing obscene or pornographic material are banned. The technology department shall determine whether a game is violent, and the student may appeal this decision to the building principal. Each student is responsible for ensuring that only licensed software is loaded onto his or her device.

Inspection and Filtering

Filtering software will be used to prevent access to material considered inappropriate or harmful to minors.

Students may be selected at random or for cause to provide their device for inspection. If technical difficulties occur or unauthorized software or any other violation of District policy is discovered, all files and the hard drive may be reformatted. Only authorized software will be installed. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of any software or other materials deleted due to a re-format and re-image.

Electronic mail, network usage, and all stored files shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated District staff to ensure appropriate use. The District will cooperate fully with local, State, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to violations of law.

Remote Access of Devices

Devices may be equipped with the ability to be accessed remotely in the case of technical problems requiring remote assistance, missing or stolen devices, or other for any other appropriate District purpose. A student does not need to be asked for permission prior to remote software maintenance.

Acceptable Use

Access to the devices is a privilege and not a right. Each student and/or parent will be required to follow the Internet Access Conduct Agreement and the Mobile Computing Device Acceptable Use Policy. Violation of these policies, whether by the student or another party, while the device is in student custody may result in disciplinary action for the student, possible revocation of device privileges, and/or contacting law enforcement authorities.

Protecting and Storing Devices

Students are expected to password protect their devices and shall keep their password confidential.

When students are not using their devices, the devices should be stored in their lockers. Students will return the devices for storage and recharging each day at the end of the school day.

Under no circumstances should devices be left in unsupervised areas. Unsupervised areas include the school grounds, the cafeteria, computer lab, locker rooms, library, unlocked classrooms, dressing rooms, and hallways. Unsupervised devices will be confiscated by staff and taken to the building principal's office. Disciplinary action may be taken for leaving a device in an unsupervised location.

Repair of Devices

Students are to report all device problems to District technology personnel or the principal.

The Superintendent will issue a document clarifying student or parent responsibility for lost and damaged devices when the details of the District's insurance policy are known.

Cross Reference: 3270F Internet Access Conduct Agreement
 3270P Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks
 3270P2 Device Acceptable Use Policy

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1627 Online Courses – Mobile Computing Devices and Teacher Training
 Technology Task Force Final Task Force Recommendations
 Children's Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-55420 U.S.C. § 6801, et seq.
 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l) Universal Service

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