

Personalized Digital Learning

Whenever HCS students are required to take part in instruction from home, we want every student in grades K-12 to have the resources he/she needs to have a productive learning situation; therefore, we are providing the opportunity for your student to take a device home with him/her for use in our eLearning/Distance Learning program. When students return to school in a full-time face-to-face instructional setting, middle and elementary students (grades K-5) will not take the device home with them.

In the event that circumstances arise requiring a temporary closure of schools, typically caused by weather events such as snow/ice or hurricanes, all students who have parental permission for the district to issue them a digital device will be given a digital device to take home during the temporary closure in order to participate in e-learning. All students whose parents have given this permission will receive a digital device, including those students whose parents did **not** elect to purchase device protection.

Parent Permission

I give permission for my child to participate in Personalized Digital Learning as described below. By accepting this agreement I understand:

- Horry County Schools will issue a digital device to my child to use as a tool to enhance daily instruction.
- This device is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of Horry County Schools.
- I agree to the stipulations set forth by Horry County Schools' Acceptable Use Policy, which can be found online at www.horrycountyschools.net (Policy and Legal Department).
- My child has a district-provided email account that will be used for instructional communications and setting up other accounts for instructional use.
- I give permission for the district to assist my child with the creation of all individual accounts required to access online instructional content and applications including, but not limited to, Apple ID for Students, Google for Education, and other online resources assigned by the teacher.
- I give permission for my child to access sites and applications referenced above for instructional purposes.
- My child will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.

Student Agreement

Students will be required to agree to and abide by the conditions listed below before receiving a device for home use during the 2021-22 school year.

Student Pledge for Use of District-Owned Personal Mobile Computing Devices:

- I will take proper care of the personal mobile computing device and be accountable for it at all times.
- I will not lend the personal mobile computing device, charger and cords to others.
- I will not share my personal login account or attempt to use the account of anyone else.
- I will keep food and beverages away from the personal mobile computing device.
- I will not disassemble any part of the personal mobile computing device, nor attempt repairs.
- I will not remove or delete district-required applications, profiles or restrictions nor attempt to access or alter other accounts or devices.
- I will protect the personal mobile computing device.
- I will save data/files in a safe and accessible location. Network/cloud-based storage should be used to avoid data loss due to device issues. Students are ultimately responsible for saving all data/files.
- I will not place decorations (such as stickers, markings, etc.) on the personal mobile computing device.
- I will not deface the serial number, manufacturer labels or district labels on any personal mobile computing device.
- I will follow district policies outlined in the district's Acceptable Use Policy.
- I will notify my teacher or administrator immediately if the device has been lost, stolen or vandalized.
- I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
- I agree to return the personal mobile computing device and power cords in good working order at the end of the school closures, the end of distance learning or the Hybrid model, or upon my leaving the district for any reason.

When using network and Internet resources, I will:

- Use the Internet for legitimate educational purposes
- Not attempt to download or save files to the device without teacher approval
- Not search for, download or print any material that violates school handbook codes regarding possession or display of inappropriate, offensive or vulgar material, or assist any other student in such activities



- Not harass, insult, or attack others via electronic communications
- Not attempt to damage or alter computers, computer systems, computer networks or mobile devices, including settings and installed software
- Not violate copyright laws, including the use or possession of bootleg software, music or movies
- Not attempt to trespass in another’s folders, work, files or devices or use any accounts other than my own

I understand that my participation in any violation of these items above will result in disciplinary action set forth in Horry County Schools’ Policy Manual, which can be found online at www.horrycountyschools.net, including possible loss of access privileges to such resources.

Technology Fee

All students in grades K-12 are given the option to pay a Technology Fee of \$25 for the full academic year, due at the time of registration. You will have the option to pay online or pay in person.

Students who pay the Technology Fee:

- pay an additional \$25 for the first accidental damage repair, \$75 for the second accidental damage repair and full cost of repair/replacement for all subsequent accidental damage repairs during the academic year
- pay an additional \$25 for device replacement due to theft (requires formal police report)
- pay full repair for all damage caused by neglect or abuse
- pay full replacement cost for loss of device
- students in grades 6-12 are allowed to take devices home
- students in grades K-5 are allowed to take devices home ONLY when school is in eLearning/Distance Learning program days

Students who do not pay the Technology Fee:

- pay full repair cost for all damage
- pay full replacement cost for lost due to theft
- pay full replacement cost for loss of device
- students in grades K-12 are not allowed to take devices home

DEVICE REQUESTED

Please provide a device for my student. I understand that if I do not pay the \$25 Technology Fee, that I will resume full responsibility in the event if the device is damaged, lost, or stolen.

Student’s School: _____ Student Grade Level: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____
(Please Print) (Date)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
(Please Print) (Date)