

STUDENT HOME USE OF MLTI LAPTOPS

It is the intent of the RSU 13 School Board that students have full access to assigned laptops provided through the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) as intended by this program. Use of the laptops by students is a privilege and not a right. This privilege can be revoked if students violate this policy or administrative guidelines governing use of the laptops.

Students are permitted to take laptops home subject to administrative guidelines and upon payment of the fees indicated below. This provides equity of access to technology for all students in grades 7 through 12 and allows for time to complete assignments that require use of the laptop. In addition, it allows parents to see the work students can accomplish using the laptop.

All students must comply with Student Computer and Internet Use Policy 2.50. Students are expected to take care of this equipment and protect it from harm. Parents are responsible for the care of the laptop when it is removed from classroom supervision, in the same way that they are responsible for educational materials such as textbooks.

A family orientation meeting will be held annually to review the guidelines for students to take laptops home. Parents/guardians must sign a form indicating approval of the student taking the laptop home, or denying permission for the student to do so. Laptops will not be released to go home with students until initial fees and any past assessments are paid.

Administration will annually review repair costs for the previous school year to determine the established fee for the year. The initial fee for students eligible for free or reduced lunch (approved application on file), will be one half the established fee.

Before a laptop is released to go home after repairs in excess of \$100 that are not covered by Apple/MLTI warranty, the student must pay the established fee again, this time with no differentiation for household income. If damage is found to be intentional, the full cost of the repair will be assessed and administration has the authority to deny the student take-home privileges.

After the second occurrence in a school year of damages in excess of \$100 that are not covered by Apple/MLTI warranty, the student will be assessed the full cost of the repair and administration has the authority to deny the student take-home privileges.

The administration has the authority at any time to review the take-home privileges if there are recurring damages or if damages appear to be intentional.

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