

Hopkins 1 to 1 Frequently Asked Questions

How did the district pay for the new computers?

The money came from a bond previously passed designated as "school improvement." The money was only allowed to be used for physical materials including construction or technology.

What if we don't have internet at home?

Wireless internet access will be available before school and for at least an hour after school in the building. Teachers will be sending assignments and readings to students as files that can be saved to the computer locally. From there, the students can access any materials without the internet.

Will there be some type of insurance offered?

There will not be insurance offered by the school. Most homeowner's insurance companies will offer some type of coverage, but in most cases the cost of the computer would be less than the deductible.

What if I don't want my student to bring the computer home?

Computers should be seen as materials necessary to the student's success much like a textbook. However, the school will make a computer available for pickup/drop off before and after school hours.

How do teachers monitor and control what their students are doing with their computers in class?

Teachers will be able to monitor and control computer access via DyKnow. Teachers will be trained on the use of DyKnow at the start of school.

How will teachers manage computers that are low on charge?

Each classroom will have power strips and 2 power adapters to maintain power to computers lacking a charge. Students can purchase additional power adapters from the technology department.

What consequence do students have for not bringing their computer to class or failing to charge their battery?

Students that consistently come to class without their computer or with an uncharged battery will be treated as if they were coming to class unprepared.

How do we keep the laptops safe?

Students will be provided a computer bag that have been uniquely tagged and associated with each student. Students will be allowed to bring the school issued computer bags to class.

Will headphones be provided?

Students will be expected to bring their own headphones. Students are not allowed to use headphones that are noise canceling or that completely cover their ears. Headphones will also be available for purchase from the technology department.

How will we keep students safe while using the computers?

Students will receive annual lessons on Digital Citizenship (computer etiquette and internet safety). While in school, students can be monitored and controlled by staff using DyKnow. Internet content filtering* is enabled for both home and school use on the computers provided. District policy states that the computers are district property and should be used for educational purposes. The district can collect and examine the computers when necessary. If violations have been found, consequences could result in loss of computer and or up to expulsion.

- * Internet Content Filters are intended to prevent accidental access to inappropriate internet content. It does not 100% prevent intentional access. Adult supervision is always recommended.

Can students personalize the exterior of their computer?

The computers may be personalized but must be easily removed without chemicals and must be appropriate according to district policy. (Static Cling Stickers and Skins)

Will the computers be collected over the summer?

Computers will be collected over the summer so they can undergo preventative maintenance and be prepared with the latest software for the start of the next school year. In special instances they may be checked out.

How will students print at school and at home?

Students will be able to install district network printers via <http://iprint.hpsvikings.org/ipp>. Home printers are also allowed to be installed. Home printer drivers may need to be downloaded from the manufacturer's website because the computers lack an optical drive.

How will student documents be backed up?

Students will save to their SD Card. A synchronization application will be provided that will allow the students to backup the contents of their SD card to the local hard drive on the computer. An additional synchronization program will backup the contents to a network drive provided by the district.

How will staff prevent students from cheating?

There are many online tools available to staff for checking for plagiarism. Cheating will be handled in the same way any other form of cheating is handled.

Will students be allowed to use their computers in the cafeteria?

Student will be allowed to use their computers in the cafeteria during the lunch period.

How will the district handle computers that are lost, stolen, or not returned?

The district will follow the same procedures in place for other district issued items.

Will teachers be provided with a computer similar to what is issued to the students?

Yes, teachers will be issued a computer similar to those provided to the students.

Will students be provided with an email account?

Yes. Students will be issued a district email account.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE ONLINE ACCEPTABLE USE TUTORIAL?
(This can be done from home)

1. Go to www.gcctraining.com
2. Click on the "Login to View Training" button
3. On the Pre-login checklist, click on "Login to View Training" button again
4. Select New User
5. For the Organization ID, insert: 43173
6. Follow the prompts