

Kerrville ISD Student Device Program

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, Kerrville ISD is implementing a 1:1 student device program for students in grades 4-8 and a “Lending Library” for students at Tivy High School.

Curriculum used to teach Digital Citizenship:

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship/curriculum>

<https://www.learning.com/>

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/slides

https://storage.googleapis.com/gweb-interland.appspot.com/en-us/hub/pdfs/2021/BIA_Curriculum_June-2021_EN_PDF-Version.pdf

Supporting Documents for Families:

Be Internet Awesome Family Guide

https://storage.googleapis.com/gweb-interland.appspot.com/en-us/hub/pdfs/Google_BeInternetAwesome_DigitalCitizenshipSafety_FamilyGuide.pdf

Other Helpful Links:

Parent/student 1:1 device agreement for grades 6-12: [Device Expectations/Agreement](#)

Online payment for the optional device insurance fee: [Payment Link](#)

Device repair breakdown and fees for insured vs. Non-insured: [Device Insurance Information](#)

Student trouble shooting guide link: [Troubleshooting Tips](#)

Technology Device Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does a 1:1 student device program mean?

The district has purchased one device for each student to use to enhance learning for the full school year in grades four through high school. The device is the property of KISD, and the student is responsible for their use of the district device. Kerrville ISD believes that teaching students how to be good digital citizens will prepare them to be informed and engaged citizens of the future.

Students in grades 6-12 will carry the device with them throughout the school year. KISD devices must remain in the case while being transported from class to class or from school to home.

2. What is the parent/student 1:1 device agreement?

The parent/student device agreement explains district expectations to parents and students regarding maintaining their device and the financial expenses that may be incurred if the device is not treated with

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care. The district has created two choices for families to select and the parent/student agreement explains the benefit of each option. *Option A* is a commitment of \$25 to enroll in the district insurance policy that may cover unforeseeable situations. *Option B* waives the optional insurance. The agreement must be completed prior to issuance of the district device.

The agreement can be viewed here: [Device Expectations/ Agreement](#)

3. What is the purpose of the optional annual device insurance fee?

The annual \$25 optional device insurance fee is to pay for accidental damage, cracked screen, or repair and will cover most of the cost of a lost or stolen device for the parent. Kerrville ISD recommends the “optional device insurance” to provide parents the peace of mind of knowing that they will be facing large out of pocket expenses for repairs, replacement, or loss.

4. What are the costs for damages if I do not have the device insurance option?

Device Issue Needing Attention	Cost to Non-insured Student	Cost to Insured Student
Total Computer Replacement	\$300	\$50
Cracked or damaged screen repair	\$160	No cost for the first incident, \$30 for the second incident
Damaged keyboard / touchpad	\$65	No cost for the insured
Power cord damage or missing	\$20	No cost for the insured
Case damaged or missing	\$20	No cost for the insured
Other items at actual repair costs		

5. How do I pay the optional device insurance fee?

The “optional device insurance” can be paid securely online with a debit or credit card. If you have multiple middle and high school students in your family, you can pay for the device fee together. The device insurance fee can be paid by clicking here: [Insurance Payment](#)

6. When will students receive their laptops?

Teachers will spend the first week of school discussing digital citizenship and safety with students. After students have received training, the parent agreement has been read and signed, then devices in grades 6-12 will be checked out to students through the library. Students in 6th grade will store their devices on campus. Devices in grades 7-12 will travel from school to home. Students are expected to keep their devices charged and ready for use the following day.

7. How will my student be issued the device? Do I have to be there when the device is signed out?

Students will be issued a device at school. Parents do not need to be present.

8. How long can we keep the device?

The device is assigned to the student for the school year and will need to be returned prior to May 25, 2022. Students who withdraw from KISD must return their device prior to campus prior to leaving school on their last day enrolled.

9. What does my child do if the Kerrville ISD computer is not working?

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If the school device is not working properly, the student must return the device to the librarian. The librarian will submit a “help desk ticket” for technology assistance.

To access a quick troubleshooting guide, please click here: [Troubleshooting Tips](#)

10. What if we don't have internet at home?

The laptop is set up to do tasks offline without internet. If the student needs to access materials or collaborate through Office 365 online, there are places in town that offer free internet access, including the parking lot of each Kerrville ISD school and Antler stadium. We ask for students to communicate with teachers if they do not have access to internet at home.

11. What precautions are taken to keep students safe?

Teachers have access to an iPad management software called JAMF. Teachers can control the websites and content that their students have access to. In addition, all internet traffic goes through our district internet filtering system. **This filtering system does not apply outside of KISD schools.**

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Kerrville ISD educates staff and students regarding appropriate online behavior to ensure Internet Safety, including the use of email and websites and apps. The district makes every effort to supervise and monitor student technology use. While the District uses filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate material, it may not be possible to absolutely prevent such access and it is the student's responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate and responsible use while working independently.

For students under the age of 13, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires parental permission for education software tools. Examples of these tools are Microsoft Office 365, online presentation tools, Digital Portfolios (Seesaw), and other digital resources. Keeping your student's data private is our priority.

12. How is communication between students monitored?

Students in grades 3-5 will not have email privileges, so they will not be able to communicate with other students through this platform. In addition, the “chat” function in our online platforms: Microsoft Teams and Seesaw has been disabled.

13. My child is in 4th grade, can he take his computer home?

Students in 4th - 6th grades will not be permitted to take their laptops home. Assignments sent home can be completed without a device.

14. What if I don't want my child on the computer all day? Can I opt out of the 1:1 program?

Technology plays an integral part in preparing your child for a 21st century environment and Kerrville ISD believes that technology in the classroom should only enhance classroom instruction. However, classroom computer usage will depend on the lesson and classroom activities.

If you do not want your student to have access to electronic services, please discuss opt-out options with the campus principal. If you do not want your student to use district technology resources, please be aware that your decision to eliminate access to these tools may significantly affect your student's

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ability to work collaboratively with his or her peers on class assignments and projects and may hamper the development of skills necessary to live and work in this increasingly digital world. Opting out of using technology devices during assessments is not always feasible.