



APS STUDENT DEVICE UPDATES

At Atlanta Public Schools, we remain committed to providing every student with a functional device for instructional purposes. In line with this goal, we would like to share some recent updates regarding technology usage for the coming 2023-24 school year.

These changes are designed to enhance our 1-to-1 student device program, while also giving parents/guardians greater visibility into their student's device usage.



Scan QR code above to view the new policy updates.

UPDATED APS BOARD POLICY

In January 2023, the APS board adopted a new policy around technology devices in the district. Please be aware of these changes as we prepare for the upcoming school year:

- *Students may be charged for replacement/ repair costs due to loss or abuse of school system property, including, but not limited to, textbooks, library books, media materials, musical instruments, **technology**, or athletic equipment.*
- Parental and student contracts for the use and return of devices (must be issued and signed before a device is issued)
- A replacement fee payment is required after the loss of the second device.
- Students are responsible for the reasonable care and return of district-issued devices and accessories; returned devices should be in good working order.
- The school system shall not withhold any student record because of nonpayment of fees. However, the school system may withhold diplomas, certificates of progress, report cards, and other awards until all fees, fines, and charges are paid.

APS STUDENT DEVICE UPDATES CONTINUED



END-OF-YEAR DEVICE COLLECTION

The APS technology team will be working with schools to collect ALL student devices at the end of the school year in May 2023. Students attending the Summer Academy or other enrichment programs will be provided with devices at the start of these programs. Please make sure your students return their devices to school before the last day of school on May 26, 2023.



STUDENT DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

All students must complete a short, interactive training course to teach them how to take care of their APS-issued devices and precautions to keep them safe while using them. The training will also show the students what to do should they lose or damage their device. Please ensure that your students take proper care of their devices and do not remove the protective cases, as this will void the warranty.



OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL DEVICE INSURANCE

APS student devices are purchased with accidental damage and theft insurance coverage. For parents needing additional insurance for lost and intentional damage, we have negotiated device insurance through "Safeware" for \$34.20 per device (per year). Over the summer, more information will be provided for parents willing to opt into this insurance program.



STUDENT DEVICE USER AGREEMENT

Beginning August 2023, all students and parents must sign a device user agreement. The agreement will allow parents to opt in or opt out of receiving a device for use at home. Please note: if you opt out, your child will still have access to a device while in school. Students choosing to opt in will be able to take their devices home. The student device user agreement will be available electronically July 2023.