

PIKE ROAD SCHOOLS

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Our Mission: To create a culture of intellectual curiosity where all students have ownership over their learning and are inspired to think, innovate, and create.

STUDENT/PARENT TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK



DEVICE PURPOSE, QUALIFICATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Purpose

Pike Road Schools (PRS) offers students access to a variety of technological resources to encourage creativity, collaboration and communication. The Student/Parent Technology Program enables the district to further its mission of creating a culture of intellectual curiosity where all students have ownership over their learning and are inspired to think, innovate, and create.

Definitions

“Technology devices, digital resources, and network infrastructure” is defined as the Pike Road Schools network, the Internet, Google Apps for Education, email, hardware, software, printers, peripheral devices, individual computer devices, and web enabled devices.

“Information technology” is defined as Internet access, blogging, podcasting, email, published and unpublished documents, and various forms of multimedia technology.

“Educational use” is defined as a use that supports communication, research, and learning.

“Devices” refer to district owned/leased, staff owned devices, and student owned devices.

Qualifications

All kindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Pike Road Schools have access to district-owned devices. Students in grades sixth through twelfth will be able to take the devices home provided they meet certain conditions. School-owned devices are under this agreement whether they are on campus or not. In addition, any device that is used on campus is held to the same standard as school-owned devices.

In order to use any device on campus or not, students must comply with the rules and expectations identified in the **Student/Parent Technology Handbook** and the **Pike Road School District’s Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy (Board Policy G-22, I-11 and *The Pike Road Patriot Code of Conduct*)**, as the same exist now or are later amended. Any failure to comply with these rules and expectations may suspend or terminate the student’s qualification for use of a device and its accessories (charging cable, charging adapter, etc.).

The legal title to school-owned devices and their accessories belongs to the Pike Road Schools and shall at all times remain as such. The student/parent/guardian's temporary rights of possession and use are limited to, and conditioned upon, full and complete compliance with the exceptions detailed in the **Student/Parent Technology Handbook** and the **Pike Road Schools Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy (Board Policy G-22, I-11 and *The Pike Road Patriot Code of Conduct*)**, as the same exist or are later amended. Because a device is the property of the school district, it is subject to monitoring and content searches at any time. **There is no expectation of privacy whatsoever in the use or data stored on a device.**

A device issued by the Pike Road School District (PRS) has been assigned a unique identification code, which is indicated by a barcode affixed to a device. This identification code is one method used to track a device; a device will also be tracked electronically. This bar code should not be removed from this device. A device and its accessories shall remain the property of PRS. Students will make a device and its accessories available to PRS faculty for necessary inspection, physical maintenance, and software maintenance at any time.

Devices and their accessories will be distributed once the student and parent (or guardian) have:

1. Read, agreed to, and signed and/or acknowledged the *Student/Parent Technology Policy* and the Pike Road School District's *Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy*.
2. Paid the mandatory nonrefundable User Fee.
3. Students will complete a HyperDoc via Google Docs within the first week of school to continue being able to take their device home.

PRES students in grade 2, 3 and 4 will each receive an iPad Air and case that will remain at school. These devices will be in classroom carts for students to use. Grades K-1 will have shared devices that will remain in their classrooms as well.

PRMS devices will be with homeroom teachers and distributed after a brief orientation within the first couple days of school at the principals discretion on when the orientation will occur.

PRHS student devices will be distributed the week prior to school starting.

All devices will be taken up during the last week of school.

Special Accommodations

The Pike Road School District believes that every student should be granted equal access to resources provided by the school district. However, if the student's parent (or legal guardian) believes circumstances call for a student to have restricted access to the use of the mobile device outside of school hours, a written request by the student's parent (or legal guardian) must be submitted to a school administrator. Once the request is approved, arrangements will be made to store the student's device at school after school hours. In such cases, devices must be turned in to the school technology office by 3:00 p.m.(PRES) or 3:30 p.m.(PRMS/PRHS) each afternoon and picked up before school begins the following day. Devices not turned in by the time the bell rings, will become the responsibility of the student.

DEVICE CONTENT, FILTERING AND PRIVACY

Content

The Pike Road School District will provide the necessary programs and applications needed for course materials and assignments. PRS may push updates to student devices each time they are logged onto the district's network. Students are not allowed to download unauthorized software programs or add-ons. (Virtual Private Network (VPN), software to illegally download music, games etc.) PRS does not allow students to alter the integrity of a device. Downloading illegal software to a device may result in disciplinary action, and/or the suspension/termination of the student's use of a device beyond essential school work (i.e. student may not be able to take the device home).

Technology Related Services Provided by Pike Road Schools

What are Google Apps for Education?

Pike Road Schools provides staff and students with a Google Apps for Education account. Google Apps is a free web based suite of programs provided by Google for schools to use. All staff and students in Pike Road Schools have access to Google Apps for Education, also known as G SUITE. Google Apps includes such programs as Google Drive, Google Calendar, Google Classroom and Google Gmail.

All of the Google Apps services can be accessed from anywhere you have an Internet connection (school, home, smart phone, etc.) This reduces and replaces the need for flash drives and/or external data drives. Since Google Apps is all online, it is the same everywhere you use it. There is no issue with having one version of a program at home

and a different version at school. Google Apps allows you to easily share documents and files with teachers and other students, so you can turn in assignments electronically and collaborate on projects with classmates.

PRS Student Google Account Setup- Each student will receive a PRS email account. PRS student accounts are created using first name and last name of the student. Ex. firstname.lastname@pikeroadschools.org. The password is set to a general one, and the student has access to change it to a complex one that only they will know.

Gmail- Gmail is the powerful email program that comes with Google Apps for Education. Gmail allows students to communicate with staff and other students within the Pike Road Schools domain (@pikeroadschools.org).

Google Calendar- Google Calendar allows you to maintain multiple calendars for all your needs. You can keep calendars private, or you can share them with others as you determine. You can also invite people to specific events on your calendar.

Google Drive- Google Drive gives all users up to 30GB of cloud storage space for most file formats. Google Drive can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. Google Drive allows users to access and share files from any device that has Internet connectivity.

Google Drive includes the following programs:

- Google Docs - word processor similar to Microsoft Word

- Google Slides - multimedia presentation tool similar to Microsoft PowerPoint

- Google Sheets - spreadsheet program similar to Microsoft Excel

- Google Forms - survey/data collection tool for creating forms and collecting data from an audience

- Google Drawings - simple graphic design program

- Google Classroom - learning management system and web-based platform that integrates your students and teachers Google Apps account with all their G-Suite services. These services include Google Docs, Gmail, and Calendar. Classroom saves time and paper, and makes it easy for teachers to create classes, distribute assignments, communicate, and stay organized.

Seesaw- Student driven digital portfolios and simple parent communication. Parents are able to document their child's learning through various forms of media (i.e. video, photo etc)

Freckle (formerly Front Row)- Allows lead learners to differentiate instruction and reach every student at their own level in the areas of math and language arts.

Summit Learning- Summit Learning is an online tool that helps students set and track goals, learn content at their own pace and complete deeper learning projects.

Internet Filtering

Internet filtering is set to function at any time a student accesses the Internet. However, no content filter is capable of preventing all access to all online content that is not school-related and/or inappropriate; therefore, the user assumes responsibility for information accessed on a device and is bound by the terms and conditions of the **PRS Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy** and **The Pike Road Patriot Code of Conduct**. Violating this policy may result in disciplinary action, and/or the suspension/termination of the student's use of a device and its accessories.

Privacy

No right of privacy exists in the use of a device. Files and content downloaded, created, transmitted and stored on a device are not private and shall be subject to inspection, adjustment, removal, and/or deletion by PRS personnel. To ensure compliance with PRS board policy, the **Student Technology Handbook and the Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy**, PRS personnel may monitor all files, communications, and online activities of individuals who access a device.

Be advised that the PRS may be required to disclose information to law enforcement or other third parties, for example, as a response to a document production request in a lawsuit against the board of education, as a response to a public records request or as evidence of illegal activity in a criminal investigation. Additionally, any writings that indicate a student might be subject to harming themselves or someone else will be reported to officials and civil authorities. Again, there is no expectation of privacy with respect to the use of a device.

Bark for Schools- Bark for Schools uses industry-leading, machine-learning algorithms to continually monitor your students' Gmail messages, Gchat conversations, and Google Drive documents. When problems are detected, Bark will notify the specific people who need to know – teachers, VPs, principals, etc. – via email and/or text message. A new feature available makes it so parents can opt and get the severe

problem alerts for things such as: cyberbullying, bullying, profanity, and self harm outside of school hours.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

All students are expected to abide by the [ISTE NET digital citizenship standards](#) in all of their classes and while at home using their devices in both online and offline capacity. If at anytime a student is found breaking any of these standards while using a PRS device, disciplinary action will be taken.

Email can be a powerful communication tool for students to increase communication and collaboration. Students are encouraged to check their Pike Road Schools email at least once per day. Teachers may send email to middle and high school students to communicate reminders, course content, pose questions related to class work, and such. Students may send email to their teachers with questions or comments regarding class. Students may send email to other students to collaborate on group projects and assist with school classes.

Students are only allowed to access their Pike Road Schools email on their school-owned device. If a student has their personal email on their computer, it will be removed immediately.

Student Gmail Permission

Pike Road Schools Gmail system controls who email messages can be sent to and who they can be received from. PRS students cannot send email to parent accounts or anyone outside of the Pike Road Schools domain. K-2 learners do not have access to Gmail.

Student Emails to Staff

Students are encouraged to email staff concerning school-related content and questions. However, there will be no requirement or expectation for staff to answer student email outside of their regular work day, although they certainly may if they choose. For example, an unanswered email to a teacher would not excuse a student from turning in an assignment.

General Email and Online Chat Guidelines

Below is a general summary of guidelines related to email and any form of online chat or instant messages: Email and online chat is to be used for school-related communication.

Do not send harassing email or instant messages or content.

Do not send offensive email or instant messages or content.

Do not send spam email or instant messages or content.

Do not send email or instant messages containing a virus or other malicious content.

Do not send or read email or instant messages at inappropriate times, such as during class instruction. Do not send email or instant messages to share test answers or promote cheating in any way.

Do not use the account of another person.

Do not use your email account to sign up for subscription services.

If your student participates in any of these behaviors, their device will be taken up, completely wiped and reimaged, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

USER FEES, DEVICE DAMAGE, LOSS AND REPAIRS

User Fees

Mandatory User Fee to be paid by Student/Parent/Guardians in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Non-Refundable Per School Year Fee:

- Kindergarten - First Grade - \$25 Fee
- Second - Fourth Grade - \$85 Fee
- Fifth- Seventh - \$100 Fee
- Eighth through Twelfth - \$150 Fee
- Multiple Child Discount - 15% overall discount

In General

By taking possession of a device and its accessories, the student and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) agree to assume full responsibility for the safety, security, care, and proper use of a device and its accessories.

A mandatory User Fee will assist families and Pike Road Schools with administrative costs and software costs. PRS requires every student who is assigned a specific device to pay this fee based on the type of device issued to the student. See the above section on User Fees for more details.

Damage

Each Apple device has AppleCare Plus, which covers part failure under normal use on all devices. Apple Care Plus does not cover lost or stolen devices under any circumstances; nor does it cover an iPad damaged “beyond economic repair.”

Chromebooks Each Chromebook has a manufacturer's warranty, which covers part failure under normal use on all devices. Apple Care Plus does not cover lost or stolen devices under any circumstances.

Damage to a device must be reported within 24 hours to the school Technology Office. Failure to report damage in the timely manner may increase the likelihood that the damage is not covered, and result in a financial obligation for the student/parent/guardian in the amount of repair costs for the damaged property.

Loss

In a case of complete loss of a device, through theft, loss, or other cause, the student/parent/guardian agrees to pay the replacement cost for a device as identified by the school district. This may result, for example, in responsibility for the full replacement cost or the claim fee.

In the case of a loss or theft occurring on school grounds, the student/parent/guardian must report the incident to the school administration and/or technology office on the day of the occurrence. In the case of loss or theft occurring away from school grounds, the student/parent/guardian must report the incident to the law enforcement officials of jurisdiction within 24 hours of the occurrence and then provide documentation of the aforementioned law enforcement report to the school principal or designee within one school day of the occurrence.

Failing to report loss or theft in the manner described here will result in a financial obligation for the student/parent/guardian for the full responsibility for the loss of the laptop and the corresponding financial obligation for the replacement costs of the lost property. The school system will determine, in its sole discretion, the amount required of the student/parent/guardian (the amount, for example, of any deductible or replacement cost) with respect to any complete loss.

Once a copy of the report of loss has been given to the school system and the student pays the claim fee and/or the amount determined by the school system, the Technology Office will issue another device to the student.

In order for a device to be replaced due to theft, the student/parent/guardian must adhere to all procedures mentioned above and the claim fee must be paid under the school Device Protection Plan policy.

A student/parent/guardian is responsible for cost of replacement of a lost device if the loss of the property is not reported as stated herein, or a device is lost as the result of handling, storing, or using in a manner not in compliance with the “Device Responsibility” section.

Loss or Damage to Accessories

A student/parent/guardian is fully responsible for the replacement cost of any device accessories (charging cable, charging adapter, etc.) damaged or lost while in their possession. Replacement costs of the accessories are based on the price for which the Pike Road School District purchases replacement accessories.

Damages or Loss Caused by Bad Acts

Students/parents/guardians may be held fully responsible for damages or loss caused by dishonest, fraudulent, intentional, negligent, or criminal acts, including but not limited to altering the operating system and the removal of the Pike Road School District provided identification code. This may include the suspension or termination of the student’s ability to use a device and its accessories, disciplinary action against the student, and/or legal action against the parent or legal guardian(s).

Students are to remain responsible for their own devices. Any damage to a student’s device will be that student’s responsibility to pay for in the event of a damage.

State law provides that parents, custodians, and guardians are responsible financially for their minor child’s destructive acts against school property or persons (Alabama Code -Section 16-1-24).

Replacement of Accessories

Students/Parents/Guardians are responsible for replacement cost of related accessories such as charging cable, charging adapter, etc.

Repairs only by School District

Although students/parents/guardians are responsible for the costs of any repairs to a mobile device, Pike Road Schools is responsible for arranging for performance of any and all repairs to a mobile device. Students and parents (or legal guardians) may not

and should never attempt to repair a device themselves or through any party other than the school district.

In the event of a repair, the student will use office-issued loaner devices that will be returned to the technology office daily.

DEVICE RETURN

Return

Devices will be returned during the final week of school unless otherwise instructed by school officials. The student will be responsible to keep up with their charger and case over the summer.

When a device is turned in for the summer, an inspection will be made of the device for any damage. Documentation will be made, and the student will sign the documentation stating that they are aware of the damage. A fee will be assessed according to the damage. The fee must be paid in full for the student to receive their device back for the next school year. This includes any damage to the case of the device.

If a student withdraws or is expelled from the Pike Road School District, their device and charger will be returned at that time.

Failure to Return

A student failing to return a device and/or its accessories at the end of the year or before his or her departure from the Pike Road School District will be required to pay the replacement cost. Parents/Guardians who do not pay the replacement cost may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

The student's parents (or legal guardians) may also be subject to liability. School records will be held until the issue is resolved and a theft report will be filed with the local authorities if a Pike Road School District owned device and accessories are not returned.

*Alabama Code - Section 16-1-24. (2) All discipline plans of school systems shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: a. A parent, guardian, custodian, or person, excluding a foster parent, responsible for the care or control of a minor child enrolled in a public school system shall be responsible financially for such child's destructive acts against school property or persons.

***Fines accrue a 5 dollar a day charge if device is not turned in on time. Student will be expected to pay for the entire device if it not turned in after a month after student has withdrawn or has not returned the device on last day of school.**

Claims

In addition to the User Fees, if a device is damaged or lost, the student/parent/guardian owes an additional fee per claim. Device damage and loss are described in more detail earlier in this document.

Damage Claim (MacBook Air)

Damage caused by accident, fire, flood, or other cause:	
Claim 1	\$150.00 per year
Claim 2	Subject to disciplinary action and cost of device repair or replacement
Claim 3+	Subject to disciplinary action and cost of device repair or replacement

Damage Claim (Chromebook)

Damage caused by accident, fire, flood, or other cause:	
Claim 1	\$50.00 per year
Claim 2	Subject to disciplinary action and cost of device repair or replacement
Claim 3+	Subject to disciplinary action and cost of device repair or replacement

Damage Claim (iPad)

Damage caused by accident:	
Claim 1	\$100

Claim 2+	Subject to disciplinary action and cost of device repair or replacement
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Loss Claim (MacBook Air)

Complete loss of the device caused by theft, loss, fire, flood or other cause.	
Claim 1	\$500.00
Claim 2+	Only one claim is allowed during enrollment in the school district. If a loss claim is filed more than once during enrollment in the school district, the student is responsible for the full replacement costs. Failure to pay the replacement costs may result in criminal charges and disciplinary action.

Loss Claim (Chromebook)

Complete loss of the device caused by theft, loss, fire, flood or other cause.	
Claim 1	\$250.00
Claim 2+	Only one claim is allowed during enrollment in the school district. If a loss claim is filed more than once during enrollment in the school district, the student is responsible for the full replacement costs. Failure to pay the replacement costs may result in criminal charges and disciplinary action.

Loss/Damage (Charger)- A replacement charger cost is \$80.

Loss/Damage (Computer Case)- A replacement case is \$30

*These items will be purchased through the main office and picked up at the Tech Office

Effective Coverage Date and Expiration

Effective coverage date begins the day the student receives a device each school year. Expiration coverage date is the date a device is returned to the school at the end of each school year.

Claim Coverage Exclusions

- Dishonest, Fraudulent, Intentional, Negligent, or Criminal Acts: Coverage is not provided if damage or loss occurs in conjunction with a dishonest, fraudulent, intentional, negligent, or criminal act.
- Willful and deliberate damages to a device will cause the Pike Road School District to charge the student/parent/guardian the full cost of the replacement or repairs of a device. Such cases may be turned over to the law enforcement officials of jurisdiction.
- Altering the Operating System: Coverage is not provided if the operating system is altered.
- Charger: Students/parents/guardians are responsible financially for the full cost of the charging cable and charging adapter.
- Students are responsible for paying to replace these items if they are lost, stolen or damaged.
- Plastic Shell: Students/parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of replacing the plastic shell if it is lost, stolen or damaged.

*If damage is caused by any of the aforementioned acts student will be expected to pay the entire cost of the device and/or accessories damaged.

PARENT/STUDENT TECHNOLOGY DEVICE AGREEMENT

2019-2020 School Year

A student who is enrolled at Pike Road Schools qualifies for use of a district-owned mobile device. To maintain use of a device, students must comply with the rules and expectations identified in the **Student Technology Handbook** and the **Pike Road School District's Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy (Board Policy G-22 and I-11)**, as the same exist now or are later amended. Any failure to comply with these rules and expectations may suspend or terminate the student's qualification for use of a device and its accessories. Each student and parent/guardian is asked to read this handbook carefully. The parent/guardian and the student should initial next to each statement that follows, and sign at the bottom of this document.

The following items reiterate some of the most important points covered in the Technology Handbook.

Student Initial: _____

Parent Initial: _____

I understand that the legal title to the device belongs to Pike Road Schools and shall at all times remain as such.

I understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the **Student Acceptable Use Policy** and guidelines outlined in the **Student Technology Handbook**. Failure to abide may result in disciplinary action and suspension or loss of privileges to use the device.

I understand that by taking possession of the device, I agree to assume full responsibility for the safety, security, care, and proper use of the device, including its accessories.

I understand that I must report all device damages, theft or loss within 24 hours as stated in the Parent/Student Student/Parent Technology Handbook.

I understand that the device and its accessories should remain in a secure, supervised area as a reasonable precaution against damage, theft or loss.

I understand that, unless instructed otherwise by a teacher, all students must have their device with them, fully charged, each day for class.

I understand that if, in the opinion of the building administrator, it is felt that the student did not exercise proper care and/or take appropriate precautions, and this behavior

resulted in damage to the laptop, the cost of the repair will be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian.

I understand that the user assumes responsibility for information assessed on the device and PRS personnel shall monitor all files, communications, and online activities of individuals who access the device.

I understand that a student failing to return the device and/or its accessories at the end of the year or before his or her departure from PRS, may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

I understand that the Pike Road School District is not responsible for inappropriate materials accessed using this device.

I understand that the student, his parents (or legal guardians), or any other person using this device has no expectation of privacy whatsoever as to any content on the device.

I understand that all students are expected to abide by the [ISTE NET digital citizenship standards](#) in all of their classes and while at home using their devices in both online and offline capacity. If at anytime a student is found breaking any of these standards while using a PRS device disciplinary action will be taken.

Signatures: (Please sign, print, and date)

I, _____ (print student name) have read and agree to all of the guidelines contained within the ***Pike Road Schools' District Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy***, as the same now exist or as they may be later amended by the school district.

Sign student name; Date

I, _____ (print parent/guardian name) have read and agree to all of the guidelines contained within the ***Pike Road Schools' Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy***, as the same now exist or as they may be later amended by the school district.

Sign parent (guardian) name; Date