

# Wolcott Public Schools

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## WPS One-to-One Chromebook Project

As one of many initiatives to make the 2020-2021 school year as safe as possible, Wolcott Public Schools will switch from a model of students sharing Chromebooks while at school to one in which all students in grades three through twelve will have the opportunity to sign out a district-owned Chromebook for the school year. Chromebooks will be assigned to all students in these grades who do not provide their own. If a student obtains his/her own Chromebook partway through the school year, the district-owned Chromebook can be returned at any time. District Chromebooks will be distributed to students in the first two weeks of classes. There are three options for parents to consider:

- **Option #1:** The student uses his/her own Chromebook and assumes all responsibility for it. The device must meet the compatibility requirements explained later in this document.
- **Option #2:** The student signs out a district-owned Chromebook and, much like with textbooks or musical instruments, assumes responsibility for returning the Chromebook at the end of the year in good working condition. Damage or theft would be the responsibility of the student.
- **Option #3:** The student signs out a district-owned Chromebook and purchases optional protection insurance through our third-party vendor. If the Chromebook is stolen or damaged in a way that is covered by the policy, the student files a claim with the insurance company directly. The student turns in a Chromebook in good working condition at the end of the year.

### **Option 1: Student uses his/her own Chromebook**

The Chromebook must meet these requirements: Processor - Intel Celeron N4020 or better, 4GB RAM minimum, 32GB hard drive. This initiative supports district student engagement goals as students will have the tools to research and collaborate with each other and with their teachers within each class and at home. This option will require the device be set up by one of our IT professionals.

### **Options #2: Student signs out a district-owned Chromebook without optional insurance:**

Like textbooks, team uniforms, and other school property issued to your child, there is a responsibility to take appropriate care of these valuable resources. A school-issued Chromebook is no different but it does represent a cost to the district and consequent liability to students and parents. We have a warranty in place for these devices for manufacturing defects. However, we know that as students use the Chromebooks and carry them to and from classes that accidents can happen. In these instances, district policies, state regulations, and practices require the student to be held accountable to cover the repair or replacement cost of district property. In Option #2, the student would be assessed directly for the cost of any repairs or replacement in the case of accidental damage, vandalism, or theft.

### **Option #3: Student signs out a district-owned Chromebook and purchases optional insurance:**

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We know that some families may wish to use optional insurance to protect themselves against potential costs for accidental damage, vandalism, or theft of the Chromebook. Therefore, we have provided the opportunity to purchase an optional protection for students receiving a district-assigned device. If any of these issues occur the student/family would file a claim directly with our third-party insurance vendor.

### **Chromebook Insurance Program:**

- If a student “opts in” to use a school issued Chromebook, they may purchase insurance. The initial insurance program cost for the 2020-2021 school year ranges from \$42.50 to \$56.90 (non-refundable) for each Chromebook. The cost of the insurance ranges according to the model and age of the Chromebook issued. This is intended to provide **accidental coverage** including physical damage to the device; for example, a cracked or broken screen, liquid spillage, missing keys, or signs of a drop.
- To enroll a student’s Chromebook in the insurance program, the district will provide a web link. Parents will conduct the enrollment and payment at this link.

### **Term:**

- From the date the protection plan enrollment and payment are received until the start of the next school year, or the student’s graduation / exit from district, whichever comes first

### **Protection Plan Covers**

- Maximum of 2 claims per school year (plan period)
- Accidental damage – including but not limited to broken screen, liquid spillage, drops
- Unavoidable theft – **police report must be submitted within 72 hours of theft**, see “Additional Information” section below.

### **Not Covered**

- **Lost devices are not covered by this policy.** A full replacement cost not to exceed \$400 will be charged to the student/family
- Intentional marking, defacing, removing inventory label and/or abusing the device.
- Intentional Damage: Students/Parents are responsible for full payment of intentional damages to devices by the student responsible for the device.
- Damage caused by tampering with hardware components or operating system to alter district configurations.

### **Additional Information:**

- In cases of theft, vandalism and other criminal acts, a police/fire report **MUST** be filed by the student or parent for the protection coverage to take place. A copy of the police/fire report must be provided to the Principal’s office.

### **Policy Void:**

- More than two (2) claims are made during the protection plan term
- If the school makes a determination that the damage to the device was intentional or caused by abuse

### **Other information:**

- If a student is enrolled in the Chromebook Insurance Program, a replacement device will be given to them immediately if they have filed a proper claim.
- Non-insured students will be issued a loaner device until all balances are paid. Outstanding balances must be paid within 10 days. Loaner devices must be returned each day at the end of school.
- If a student withdraws from Wolcott Public Schools and then re-enrolls later in the same school year, the coverage purchased at the initial registration will be reinstated.

**\*If you wish to decline the optional Chromebook insurance protection plan from Wolcott Public Schools, you agree to pay for any repairs or replacement of the device at a cost not to exceed the value of \$400**

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**For All District-Owned Devices:**

**Costs** (if protection plan is not purchased or damage is not covered for any reason):

Device Replacement	\$259.00-\$370.00
Screen Replacement	\$133.00-\$205.00
Keyboard Replacement	\$73.00-\$90.00
Charger Replacement	\$49.00-\$55.00
Battery Replacement	\$63.00-\$75.00

**\*\*Prices vary based on Chromebook model\*\***

***Damaged or Missing Chromebooks:*** Students failing to return or pay for missing or damaged school issued Chromebook, without exception, will not be permitted to take final exams, receive report cards/transcripts, or diplomas or be subject to other disciplinary measures in accordance with Board of Education policies.

## Questions:

Questions about the one-to-one project should be directed to Alex Pagán, Director of IT: [apagan@wolcottps.org](mailto:apagan@wolcottps.org) or 203-879-8186.