

Hudson 1:1 Project Frequently asked Questions

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Q: What if students do not have Internet access at home?

A: *Many assignments can be downloaded for completion at home. Current "hot spots" in Hudson include the Hudson Public Library and the Hudson Community School District.*

Q: What if I don't want my student to have a school laptop or access to computers at school?

A: *The Hudson Community School is transitioning from an older outdated model of education to a model of 21st century learning, which has shaped and enhanced k-12+ education. The school no longer purchases encyclopedias and dictionaries and in many cases is transitioning away from traditional textbooks to online digital copies. Students will have access to technology in the Hudson Community School District.*

Q: What are the student/parent costs associated with this project?

A: *There is a \$50 refundable deposit for students that wish to take the laptop home.*

Q: Is insurance provided to cover accidental damage or loss?

A: *Insurance is not automatically provided. The \$50.00 annual deposit will pay for the first \$50 of damage to the computer. Students will not be able to take a laptop home without the deposit fully paid.*

Q: What if the laptop is damaged?

A: *Damage to the computer is the responsibility of the student, much like damage to a textbook. In the event of damage, the \$50 deposit will not be returned.*

Q: What if the laptop is lost or stolen?

A: *If a computer is lost or stolen, law enforcement officials will be called to investigate the incident. Students may be required to pay full replacement cost.*

Q: The charger for the computer is damaged (wire broken from winding or plug is lost).

A: *Students are responsible for the bag and charger and will be required to pay for those items if damaged or lost/stolen, etc. A new MacBook Air charger is approx. \$79*

Q: What if students cannot pay the \$50 fee?

A: *The school will make arrangements for students/parents to make partial payments until the fee is paid in full. The fee must be paid in full prior to taking the computer home. All students/families are responsible for paying the deposit if they want to take the computer home. Students/families that do not wish to pay the fee will have access to a computer during the school day only.*

Q: Will students that qualify for free/reduced lunches be required to pay the \$50 deposit?

A: *Yes, all families are required to pay the \$50.00 deposit if they want their son or daughter to have the opportunity to take the computer home. If the fee is not paid the student will have access to a computer, but will not be allowed to take the computer home.*



Q: What processes will be in place to ensure proper computer use?

A: *Students and staff will be governed by the district's acceptable use policies and procedures. Filters will be in place both on and off campus. Management software will also allow teachers and technology staff to monitor student use.*

Q: Will the laptops be collected at the end of the school?

A: *Yes, the laptops will be collected at the end of each school year to be re-imaged and receive any updated software. Students will also have their computer checked for damages periodically throughout the school year.*

Q: Will the students get the same laptop assigned to them each year?

A: *Yes, the students will get the same laptop assigned to them each year.*

Q: Can students/families purchase the computer at the end of the school year?

A: *Though we would love to send our seniors off to college with computers, laptops will not be sold to students or families.*

Q: Can students bring their own devices instead of using the school provided computers?

A: *Students will not be allowed to bring their own devices. School issued computers are filtered and managed through the school network.*

Q: Can students use skins or covers on the school provided computers?

A: *Students can use skins, covers, and keyboard shields, but may **NOT** use stickers or other products with adhesive. Students will be charged for damage or clean-up that results from the use of skins and covers.*

