



# BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

As a component of our student laptop program, the District is implementing a "Technology Usage Fee" in place of what was once referred to as "annual insurance." The term "insurance" was misleading and did not align with how damage to student devices was handled. The annual 2020-2021 "Technology Usage Fee" for Chromebooks is \$20.00 and Windows Laptops is \$40.00. For the 2020-2021 school year, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades classes will pay \$20.00 and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will pay \$40.00. Students who damage their computer devices are responsible to pay additional fees to repair this equipment, which is \$30 for the first occurrence, \$60.00 for the second occurrence and \$90.00 for the third occurrence. If the device is lost or stolen, a fee of \$250.00 will be charge to the student's account. If the student's damage is not considered "acceptable use" as described in the 1:1 student handbook, the student will be charged full replacement costs of the devices. A full list of acceptable and not acceptable uses is part of the end user agreement found in the 1:1 student handbook located at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Domain/1224>.

Families who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program will have the option to participate at a significantly reduced rate. Free lunch recipients can take part for free while those who receive reduced lunch can take part for \$10. While the premium has remained the same, families in the Free and Reduced lunch program will be required to pay the deductible of \$30 for each damage claim and \$250 for each theft or loss claim. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the high school administration through Mrs. Tabitha Coleman at 610-473-3687 to discuss additional payment options.

All students (Parents) are required to read, sign and return the Agreement for Laptop Use form which can be found on the Student section of the BASH website. Again this year families will have the ability to pay online for all technology fees. Parents will see sections in EZSchoolPay.com for Technology Fees and Repair Fees. Students that receive Chromebooks will be able to keep those devices after graduating with no additional buyouts.

The Agreement for Laptop Use form will be placed in your student's opening day folder that they will need to return by Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If damage or loss occurs prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the terms of last year's policy will remain in force. Those who pay the technology fee or submit paperwork and payment after September 14<sup>th</sup> will be held fiscally accountable for the repair of all damaged or replacement of the equipment. Students who do not pay the technology fee prior to September 14<sup>th</sup> must have their laptop inspected by a certified Boyertown ITS staff. Students will be fiscally responsible for repairs needed and the technology usage repair system will not be in effect until repairs are made. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, changes in policy, participation in the technology fee is mandatory, and all students are required to pay the technology usage fees for their devices.

We also encourage parents to refer to our Technology Information Website for more information on the 1:1 initiative (<http://www.boyertownasd.org/1to1>).

Sincerely,

E. Wayne Foley, Ed. D  
Principal



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