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Marble Falls ISD has an unyielding committment to love every child and inspire them to achieve their fullest potential.

Marble Falls ISD Mobile Learning Device Program

The changing landscape of the world's information to digital form will require today's student to have a different set of skills than what was required just a decade ago. Future graduates must be equipped with the 21st Century skills of problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and technological literacy. Students will need to be able to quickly find, synthesize and communicate information and collaborate with colleagues—not just in their own school, but within a global community of colleagues and customers.

Marble Falls ISD wants to ensure our students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to responsibly navigate this emerging modern world. While providing opportunities for our students, it must be realized that today's students will need a different set of skills than what was required just a short time ago. Therefore, Marble Falls ISD has implemented a 1:1 (student to computing device) program using the mobile learning device to create a seamless and dynamic educational experience for our students.

The goals of the 1:1 program are to:
-Enhance and accelerate learning;
-Leverage technology for individualizing instruction;
-Promote collaboration, increasing student engagement;
-Provide equity for all learners;
-Strengthen 21st Century skills necessary for future success.

Apps & Downloads
School owned devices must not be synced to any other computer. Only apps that have been approved by the school should be installed on their device.

Students are not allowed to download, install, or uninstall apps or attempt to reconfigure the software or policies on the device. Students are responsible for downloading any necessary documents, assignments, and/or materials from their teacher.

All apps will be purchased by the District for academic use and are the property of Marble Falls ISD.

Please visit our website for more information regarding the Mobile Learning Device Program
www.marblefallsisd.org

1:1 Mobile Learning Device Security

♦ Never leave the mobile device unattended. When not in your personal possession, the device should be in a secure, locked environment. Unattended devices will be collected and stored in the school's main office.

♦ Do not lend your device to another person. Each device is assigned to an individual and the responsibility for the care of the device solely rests with that individual.

♦ Each device has a unique identification number and at no time should the numbers or labels be modified or removed.

District Policies About Technology

Access to the technology in Marble Falls ISD has been established for educational purposes. The use of Marble Falls ISD's electronic technologies is a valued resource to our community. All electronic technologies must be used in support of the educational program of the District. Students are expected to abide by the MFISD Student Acceptable Use Policy found HERE **This access may be revoked at any time for abusive or inappropriate conduct related to the use of electronic technologies.**

Failure to comply with the District policies or the guidelines stated in this document for care and use of the device may result in the loss of privilege to take the device home or use the device in general. Specific policies that apply:

-Bullying Prohibition Policy
-Marble Falls ISD Acceptable Use Policy

The device is the property of Marble Falls ISD and as a result may be reviewed at any time. **The student should have NO expectation of privacy of materials found on their device.**

1:1 Mobile Device Care

Carefully transport your device to school every day. Avoid placing weight on the device. Never throw or slide a device. Never expose the device to long-term temperature extremes or direct sunlight. An automobile is not a good place to store your device. Only clean the screen with a soft, dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.

A cover/ case will be provided for the laptop and should remain on the device at all times. If a student removes the cover, the device may be collected by school staff and only returned to the student when the cover is put back on the laptop. Students may be billed for lost cases.

Camera & Microphone

The device comes equipped with audio and video recording capabilities through a built-in microphone and camera. All electronic recordings created with the device must comply with District policies and State and Federal laws. District policy prohibits the use of electronic recording devices in a manner that compromises the privacy interests of other individuals.

Use of this mobile device and any other devices with audio and video recording capabilities during instructional time is at the discretion of the teacher and the student must obtain prior approval to use the device for such purposes. Any electronic recordings obtained with the recording device are for instructional/educational purposes and individual use. Therefore, electronic recordings obtained with the device may not be shared, published or re-broadcasted for any reason by the student without permission. Furthermore, users of the device should be aware that State and Federal laws in many instances prohibit secret or surreptitious recording undertaken without the knowledge and consent of the person or persons being recorded. Violations of State and Federal recording laws may be reported to the proper authorities and may result in criminal prosecution.

Battery

The device should be charged, using the provided wall charger, and brought to school ready to use each day. Fully charged device batteries will typically last the length of the school day. Waiting to charge the device until the charge is low (less than 20% life or red indicator light) will extend the battery life. It is the student's responsibility to charge the device at home and ensure it is ready for use in school each day. Failure to do so may result in the student's inability to participate in classroom learning activities.

Lost, Stolen, Damaged Mobile Devices

If the device is lost, it must be reported to the office or campus technology staff as soon as possible. It may be the responsibility of the student and family to recover or replace the lost device. If necessary, the District and the police will assist in recovery. Do not attempt to gain access to the internal electronics or repair your device. If your device fails to work or is damaged, report the problem to the School as soon as possible. Device repair/replacement options will be determined by the school technology staff. You may be issued a temporary device or other materials until it is working properly or replaced. If the device is experiencing technical difficulties outside of school hours, you will need to wait until you return to school to fix it. Replacement fees may be assessed for lost or damaged items.

The School District offers a voluntary mobile learning device insurance program to protect families from expensive repair costs. A damaged device may cost up to $340 depending on the extent of the damage. Device insurance is available and covers accidental damage, but not lost or stolen devices. Full details about the insurance program and how to purchase insurance can be found on the last page of this document.

Students who leave Marble Falls ISD during the school year must return the device to the district along with any other accessories, at the time they leave. Failure to do so may result in contact with law enforcement to begin an investigation.

Receiving Your Mobile Learning Device

Parent/Guardian Orientation

All parents/guardians are required to sign the Marble Falls ISD Mobile Learning Device Agreement before a device can be issued to their student.

Distribution

Students will receive their device and related peripherals during student laptop deployment that occurs before school starts.

Transfer or New Student Distribution

All transfers/new students will be able to pick up their device from their school office or campus technician. All parents/guardians must sign the Marble Falls ISD Mobile Learning Device Agreement prior to their student picking up their device.

Returning Your Mobile Learning Device

End of Year

At the end of the school year, students will turn in their device and all issued peripherals. Failure to turn in a device will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost. The District may also file a report of stolen property.

Unenrollment

Students who transfer out or withdraw from school must turn in their device to the office on their last day of attendance. Failure to turn in their device will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost. Unpaid fines/fees may be turned over to a collection agency. The District may also file a police report for the unreturned property.

Parent's Guide

Parents

Please talk to your child about values and the standards that he/she should follow on the use of the Internet just as you do on the use of all media information sources such as television, cell phones, movies, and radio.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is an important parent-child discussion to revisit frequently, from elementary school through high school. Experts warn that children are most vulnerable to online dangers while in their own home.

Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their student's use of the District's educational technologies, including school-issued email accounts and the Internet if the student is accessing the District's electronic technologies from home or through other remote locations.

Put the device to bed, not in the bedroom

Parenting experts suggest parking all technology devices, from cell phones to mobile learning devices, in a common family room overnight to discourage late night, unmonitored use and sleep disruption. Don't allow your teen to sleep with the mobile learning device, laptop or cell phone. Remember to model appropriate use and balance of technology in your own life, too!

Filter Access

Filtering software is not built in to the device. While many potential dangers are filtered and blocked on the school's wireless network so students can't access them, children often have complete, unrestricted access to inappropriate sites at home.

Set Expectations

Regularly share your expectations with your child about accessing only appropriate sites and content, as well as being a good person when online (even when parents aren't watching). Outside of school, it is likely that your child has already been confronted with multiple opportunities to access content that parents wouldn't approve, such as pornography, hate sites, celebrity gossip, reality TV, personal blogs and more, all of which may influence your teen's beliefs, values and behavior. Understand that your teen's use of many technologies likely gives your teen the ability to connect to unfiltered public wireless networks (such as in a library or coffee shop, by picking up a neighbor's wireless signal, or connecting to the Internet through a cell service). Therefore, it is important to maintain regular, open dialog about Internet use and access. Discuss your expectation for appropriate use and behavior.

Monitor & Limit Screen Time

Experts suggest having teens surf the Internet in a central place at home, such as the kitchen or family room, rather than away from adult supervision or behind a closed door. Know what your child is doing with technology and how his or her time is being spent. Technology can be a great tool and resource, but also has the potential to be a big distraction. Help your child learn to focus on completing tasks or assignments first before spending time on games, shopping and social networking. Teaching today's children how to manage multiple sources of information and potential distractions is a critical life skill, one best learned before heading off to college or the workplace.

♦ *REMEMBER: Don't allow your child to sleep with their mobile learning device or cell phone.*

More helpful websites with Internet safety tips:

Common Sense Media: www.CommonSenseMedia.org

Questions and Answers

What is the cost to families for the Mobile Learning Device Program?

Just as there is no cost to students for textbooks unless lost or damaged, there is no cost to students for the device unless lost or damaged.

Does the District offer an insurance program?

Yes. The District offers families an option of purchasing our device insurance plan to cover any damages, but it does not cover loss or theft. The cost of insurance is $20 for Middle School and High School students. Cost is based on the value of the device issued. It may be paid at the time of registration, at the time the device is picked up, or online using a credit card at the links listed below. Full details about the insurance program can be found at: https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/gpo/marblefallsisd/

May I use my mobile device in all my classes?

Marble Falls ISD teachers have the discretion of allowing or not allowing the use of electronic devices during instructional time. Please respect and follow each of your teachers' instructions. If teachers permit use of electronic devices, users must adhere to District technology policies, be for educational purposes only, and not be a distraction or disruption to learning.

Will the wireless network handle all of the devices?

Yes. The wireless network has been upgraded in recent years to increase speed and capacity. All students can access the District's wireless network to use portable computing devices. The wireless network has the same filters the student computer network has and all District Acceptable Use policies apply to use of the wireless network.

Can I suggest new Apps for the devices?

We encourage students and teachers to share suggestions for enhancing the educational use of their devices. Please contribute to the conversation by making suggestions on the district's website.

- Anything you do or post online creates a digital record, often called a "Cyber Footprint." Nothing online is totally private, even if it is intended to be.

- A good rule of thumb: If you don't want a parent, teacher, principal, future employer or college admissions office to know something, don't post it online. Ask yourself "Would Grandma approve?"

- "Friends" aren't always who they say they are; undercover police and pedophiles pretend to be kids online. Encourage your teen to only be friends online with friends they know in person. Never give access to personal information, such as a Facebook profile, to people met online.

- Never post personally identifiable information online. This includes: full name, address, phone number, email, where you are meeting friends or where you hang out.

- Cyberbullying (threatening or harassing another individual through technology) is a growing concern. It takes many forms, such as forwarding a private email, photo, or text message for others to see, starting a rumor, or sending a threatening or aggressive message, often anonymously. Commit to not partake in this behavior and report incidents of cyberbullying to an adult.

Mobile Device Student/Parent Signature

Student Last Name:_____

Student First Name:_____

Student ID Number:_____

This form is to be signed and remain in the MFISD 1:1 Student Mobile Learning Device Handbook. A duplicate of this form is to be signed and stored at the student's school site. Agreement to this form also states you agree to abide by the MFISD Student Acceptable Use Policy found HERE.

PARENTS—Please check one of the following options:

☐   I accept and will abide by the Marble Falls ISD's Mobile Learning Device Program & Usage Agreement. Additionally, **I plan to purchase insurance through Marble Falls ISD in the amount of $20.**

☐   **do NOT wish to purchase insurance through Marble Falls ISD and understand that I am responsible for 100% of all damages.**

☐   I accept and will abide by the Marble Falls ISD School's Mobile Learning Device Program & Usage Agreement. **I do not wish to have my child issued a mobile learning device to take home at this time. I agree to provide my student with a device that meets the requirements as stated in the Marble Falls ISD Mobile Device Handbook.**

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Printed Student Name   **Grade**

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Student Signature   **Date**

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Parent/Guardian Signature (REQUIRED)   **Date**