

Student Devices During the Summer

Each student in the School District of Newberry County will have the opportunity to use their school-issued device over the summer. All devices will be checked by staff before collection or distribution for summer take home.

Parents who prefer their children to use their devices over the summer, must sign and return this form to their child's homeroom or first period teacher by **May 12**.

Parents who do not wish for their child to use the school issued device over the summer do not need to take any further action, as devices will be collected in May and kept at the school over the summer. Parents should still pay any outstanding debts prior to the end of the school year.

All graduating seniors must return their devices after completion of final exams.

Students may be allowed to use their device over the summer if they have met the following criteria:

- Paid \$25 2022-2023 Technology fee OR Pay \$25 2023-2024 Technology fee on or before May 12.
- Have no outstanding technology-related invoices or damages - check with media specialist or bookkeeper
- Have read and understand the 1:1 Handbook and Acceptable Use Policy located on the district website
- Be responsible in their use of district technology

It is also important to note that even during the summer months:

- The school-issued devices are monitored by district security and filtering. Parents should set their own parameters for device use as well.
- Internet shut off times will remain during the summer based on student enrollment at the end of 2022-2023
 - 8 p.m. for elementary students
 - 10 p.m. for middle school students
 - Midnight for high school students
- Each school will determine its own day and time for students to bring their devices in for repair or questions. Please refer to your child's school website for more information on device work order days and times.

Please refer to the FAQ document for additional information

By signing below, we acknowledge we have read and understand the above documentation as well as the 1:1 Handbook and want to **keep the device over the summer, use it responsibly, and ensure its proper care.**

Parent name (please print) _____ Parent signature _____

Student name (please print) _____ Student signature _____

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAY 12

Only return this form if you wish for your child to take their device home over the summer

Staff use:

Student meets criteria for Opt to Keep over summer: Yes No

Reason(s) student does not meet criteria for Opt to Keep over summer: Circle all that apply:

existing damage outstanding technology invoices unpaid Technology fee excessive previous damage

Staff Signature: _____ Parent notified date: _____

Opt to Keep over the Summer FAQ

What if my school collects devices in May?

Elementary and Middle school students will return devices to their schools on or before May 1 to ensure devices are prepared for state testing. Students wishing to use their devices over the summer will be redistributed their device prior to the last day of school. High school students will return devices after final exams.

What if I have outstanding debts or fees related to technology?

Parents must clear all technology debts and fees through their child's school prior to May 12 in order for the child to be able to take the device home over the summer. Parents may pay the \$25 technology fee for 2023-2024 prior to May 12 to become eligible for summer take home. Parents and students wishing to take the device over the summer, but who cannot pay the \$25 technology fee for 2023-2024 by May 12, 2023 should discuss payment options with their individual school.

What if I do not have access to the internet over the summer?

Some features of the devices may be used offline, so students without internet access may still opt to keep their devices over the summer.

What if I am moving up a grade level to a different school?

Students may keep their existing device over the summer, and each school will determine dates and times over the summer for devices to be returned and new devices issued. For example, an 8th grade student promoted from Newberry Middle to Newberry High, will refer to information from Newberry High on dates and times to return the device to Newberry High, who will issue a new device.

What if I am transferring schools within the district?

Students must return their device to their previously enrolled school. For example, a 3rd grade student transferring from Prosperity-Rikard Elementary to Little Mountain Elementary will return their device to Prosperity-Rikard and will be issued a new device from Little Mountain.

What if I am transferring schools outside the district?

Students must return their devices to their 2022-2023 school.

What if I need my device over the summer for summer school, dual enrollment, virtual classes, or district sponsored programs but I have outstanding technology debts or fees and am unable to pay them by May 12.

Students and parents are encouraged to contact their 2022-2023 principal to discuss options.

What if I lose or damage my device or charger over the summer?

Student devices will be checked when returning to school to assess any loss or damages and appropriate invoices will be created. This scenario is the same during the school year. Students should take responsibility for their devices and chargers.

What if I paid my 2022-2023 Technology fee, can I pay for 2023-2024 now?

Yes. Parents may make payments online or at the child's 2022-2023 school. Please designate payment for 2023-2024 Technology fee.

What if I am traveling out of town, am I allowed to take my device?

Students and parents should be aware that lost or damaged devices will incur a repair or replacement charge. Please use and care for the device responsibly throughout the school year and summer.

What if my device is stolen?

Parents will need to file a police report immediately and provide the school with a copy of the report in a timely manner as outlined in the 1:1 Handbook.