

## Unit Seven Schools

### Personal Device Initiative

Beginning in 2021-2022, Unity High School and Unity Junior High School will launch a 1:1 Chromebook program. This program will provide every student with a school owned Chromebook for educational use not only in class but also at home.

Students at Unity East and Unity West Elementary will have personal devices available in their classrooms. Kindergarten and first grade students will utilize touch technology with iPads in each classroom, while grades 2-5 will use Chromebooks, also in their classrooms.

Using technology enhances and expands the learning opportunities for students. It allows students to create, explore, evaluate, and disseminate information. Students can collaborate with peers and teachers while also being able to review individual concepts necessary for a self-paced approach to learning.

As a tool for instruction and learning, the responsibility for effective, safe, and appropriate use is shared by the District and the student. As a user of technology, I will:

- Use thoughtful and appropriate language in all digital communication with students and staff
- Respect all privacy settings and only use resources as they are academically intended
- Understand that online/electronic activity and communication is and will be monitored by the District
- Not use this technology to share personal information about myself/family/friends/ or staff.
- Communicate with only people that I know
- Learn to evaluate online resources

Responsibilities – The student will:

- Follow guidelines each time I use my device at home or at school
- Care for my device making certain it is fully charged and ready for the school day
- Communicate in a positive, responsible, ethical, and polite manner
- Respect all filters and monitoring software
- Use my device for school work only and not for personal use
- District devices may be confiscated and inspected at any time

Restrictions – A student may not:

- Mark on, deface, or place stickers on the device. Each device will be bare coded. Students are not to remove that identification.
- Reveal any personal information
- Attempt to bypass or otherwise change any security or monitoring software
- Access any other student accounts or work
- Share passwords or attempt to discover another student/staff password
- Download or install any software
- Attempt to locate, view, store, or share any material that is unacceptable for a school setting

It is expected that students and families will apply common sense to the care of the District issued device. The device should not:

- Be use for anything other than a curricular purpose
- Be loaned to any other student. The device should never be left unattended
- Carried by the screen
- Be used near food or drink.
- Be stacked under heavy books or objects
- Be left outside or stored in a car
- Exposed to any extreme temperatures

Despite the above safeguards, there is still risk. As with any school issued resource, students will be held responsible for loss/theft or damage to the device. If it is determined that a good faith effort or willful failure to protect District property has occurred, the student and their family may be responsible for repair or replacement of the device. By signing this policy, you agree to abide by the conditions listed and assume responsibility for the care and proper use of the device. Failure to honor all of these terms may result in the forfeiture of the use of the device, the Internet, and any other electronic media. Furthermore, students may be subject to a range of disciplinary action as outlined in the student handbook.

As the parent/guardian, my signature indicates I have read and understand this policy and give my permission for my child to have access to and use a district issued device.

Parent/Guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_