

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Technology Usage Fee

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As a component of our student 1:1 device program, the District continues with a "Technology Usage Fee." This fee supports the maintenance and upkeep of equipment distributed to all Grades 2-12 students. The current "Technology Usage Fee" is \$20.00. Any family who qualifies for the state of Pennsylvania's free lunch program will have the fee waived. Any family who qualifies for the state's reduced lunch program will have the fee reduced to \$10.00. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact their school office to discuss additional payment options.

Students who experience issues with their district-issued equipment should submit a request for service through our web helpdesk system: <https://helpdesk.boyertownasd.org>. ***Student login and passwords*** must be used to access the web helpdesk system. A member of our Information Technology Department will contact you to schedule a time to evaluate the issue being experienced. Students in grades 9-12 may also report issues with their device to our student-run help center located in the BASH library.

As part of the "Technology Usage Fee," all warranty repairs are covered. However, if a student experiences damage to their device not covered under the manufacturer's warranty and deemed "accidental," a fee of \$30.00 per will be applied to the student's account to repair the equipment. If the damage is not considered "accidental," the student may be charged the device's full repair or replacement cost. High school students who experience a 2nd non-warranty claim within the same academic year may see a fine of up to \$150.00 as this would fall outside the district's additional Accidental Damage Protection policy. Pictures and an explanation of the damage will be provided to the student at the time of the repair inquiry. Explanation and pictures of the non-warranty damage will also be provided to the parent or guardian listed on the student's Infinite Campus record via email.

If a device is lost or stolen, the total replacement cost will be charged to the student's account.

If a student loses or damages the supplied power cord, a replacement cost of \$16.00 will be charged to the student's account. All BASD students are supplied with a device and charger. If your student has not received both items, please report this to your building office.

Important Notes:

Lost or stolen devices will be disabled from use and have no value.

Students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 should already have their student Chromebook or laptop and charger.

Students entering grades 6 and 9 will receive their student Chromebook or laptop and charger the first week of school.

Only Devices in Grades 6-12 are permitted to go home. Teachers in grades 2-5 have limited discretion over whether a device shall go home for an academic purpose or assignment.

This information is now part of the Annual Student Information Verification at the start of each school year. Paper copies of this form are available upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact the District's Technology Department at 610-473-3500.

Pay Online at www.ezschoollpay.com or Check/ Money Order (Payable to: Boyertown Area School District) No Cash, please.