

1 to 1 Devices 2017-2018

Welcome back! For the 2017-2018 school year all students in grades 5-12 will be assigned a school issued Chromebook. Students in grades 5-8 will leave this device at school. Students in grades 9-12 will take this device home at the end of each school day and are responsible for bringing it back to school fully charged on a daily basis. As these devices travel with students, there are many possible ways the devices may get damaged. As with any school owned property (textbooks, instruments, etc), families are responsible for any damage that requires a repair or replacement of the device. Families are never responsible for replacement costs that are attributed to age and normal wear and tear on the device. This includes battery replacements as a result of age, worn out motherboard/monitor cables, hinges that wear out, or other issues that result from regular use. Ellington Public Schools has three options for parents to ensure devices are always in optimal condition for learning. **Please mail this form in before the start of the school year.** If this form is not turned by Thursday August 31st your child will be issued a school device without insurance (option 1) and you will be responsible for the cost of damage to the Chromebook.

Option 1: School Chromebook with no insurance - pay for any damages out of pocket

With this option, parents pay no money up front. If a student's Chromebook incurs damage a bill will be sent home to cover the cost of the repair or replacement.

Common repair costs

- Replacement LCD Screen - \$45.00
- Keyboard/Trackpad Replacement - \$70.00
- Hinge Replacement - \$20.00
- Back Cover - \$40.00
- Unreparable Device - \$200.00 for replacement

Option 2: \$25 insurance policy that covers two instances of accidental damage

One year cost (school year 2017-18): \$25.00

What's Covered (\$0 deductible per incident, 2 claims per year)

- Accidental damage
- Unavoidable theft (police report must be submitted within 72 hours of theft)
- Fire
- Flood/water
- Natural disasters
- Manufacturer defects
- Power surge due to lightning

What's Not Covered

- Lost Chromebooks are not covered by this policy. A full replacement cost not to exceed \$200
- Intentional marking, defacing, and/or abusing the Chromebook
- Damage caused by tampering with hardware components or operating system to alter district configurations

The policy will become void for the term if:

- More than two (2) claims are made during the policy term
- The Technology Department makes a determination that damage to the Chromebook was caused by abuse.

Miscellaneous

- There will be an open enrollment period for parents to purchase insurance. Enrollment period ends two weeks after the start of school. If parents wish to purchase insurance after the open enrollment period, they must show proof that the Chromebook is not damaged and in working condition.
- When students receive their device, there will be a two week grace period for them to report any issues with the device. Repair will be done at no effect on the insurance. Reported issues after the two week grace period will result in a claim on insurance.

Option 3: BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) - no school issued Chromebook or insurance needed

Instead of using a school issued Chromebook the student instead brings his/her own device to school. The device must be a laptop/Chromebook with a full keyboard and have access to wireless internet. It must also be able to hold a charge for at least 3 hours. Students must sign into the Chrome browser using their school account credentials while in school. Students are responsible for bringing this device charged and ready to go on a daily basis. If you choose this option, the student will not have a school issued Chromebook assigned. Families are responsible for damage if a student uses a school device in place of their own device (forgot it at home, not charged, etc) or if damage happens while taking the SBAC assessment since a school owned device is required for the test. Ellington Public Schools is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen personal devices.

*Please complete and detach this form and mail to:
Windermere School
2 Abbott Rd
Ellington, CT 06029*

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

____ **Option 1:** My student will use the school device without insurance, and I agree to pay for any possible repairs.

____ **Option 2:** I will purchase the insurance for the school issued device (payment of \$25 cash or check made out to school activity account). Fee will be waived if student is eligible for Free/Reduced lunch.

____ **Option 3:** My student will bring his/her own device (Chromebook/laptop) to school.

Parent Signature: _____