



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR
EVERYONE EVERY DAY

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Overview

Connectivity throughout Cullman County varies greatly. Many of the residents throughout rural Alabama are not able to connect to the internet, either because they do not have an appropriate device or they do not have internet capabilities where they live. While many of our local, state and federal leaders are seeking sustainable solutions to these issues, Cullman County Schools are doing their part by applying for grants and seeking sustainable low or no-cost solutions for our students. We believe that as more students have access to these technologies the opportunities for learning outside of the classroom will increase as well. This program is just one way that we are trying to increase the learning opportunities for our students.

Plan

Students enrolled in Cullman County Schools, grades 8th-12th, will be issued a TMobile WiFi Hotspot and a Chromebook to use for education purposes at home and school. Each school grade level will have an assembly notifying parents/guardians/students of the program. Parents/Guardians/Students may pay their fee and sign the agreement form at this meeting or on the assigned date for hand-out of the devices at their child's school location. To receive the device on date of device handout, the student will be required to show receipt.

Implementation

Cullman County Schools will use a phased approach to distributing Chromebooks and TMobile WiFi devices to our students. Each WiFi hotspot will be assigned to one Chromebook and one user account.

Phase 1: 8th Grade students at select schools will be notified that a device will be assigned to them individually unless parent/guardian opts out of process. A Chromebook, charging cable, carrying case, and TMobile Wifi Hotspot will be assigned to each student for educational use.

Phase 2: Additional 8th grade students at other schools will follow in the process until all 8th graders have devices assigned.

Phases 3-6 will progress as devices are purchased or become available.

Phase 3: 9th Grade Students

Phase 4: 10th Grade Students

Phase 5: 11th Grade Students

Phase 6: 12th Grade Students

Student Device Fees

Device accessories that are damaged or misplaced will need to be replaced by the parents/guardians/students. Use of a non-manufacturer-certified third-party product is **strictly prohibited**. Prices are as follows:

Accessories	Replacement Cost
Chromebook Case	\$20
Chromebook Charger	\$45
TMobile WiFi Hotspot Device	\$72
Chromebook Device Replacement	\$300

Parents/Guardians/Students will have two options of protection for student devices issued by Cullman County Schools. Please select one of the following:

Option 1:

Annual Insurance Fee of \$25.00 (per academic school year).

Insurance fees will be primarily collected online via PayPam; exceptions may be made on a case by case basis. Accidental damage is repaired at no cost to parents/guardians/students, up to the value of the device. Intentional damage is not covered by this policy. Claims are limited to a total of \$300. Once claim limit has been reached, parents/guardians/students must pay full repair cost. If the device is damaged due to lack of use of the device case, this may not be covered by insurance. **Accessories are NOT covered by insurance. Loss of device is NOT covered by Insurance.**

If Fee is not paid, Option 2 will automatically apply unless parents/guardians/students opts out of the program.

Option 2:

Parents/Guardians/Students assume responsibility for device and the cost of any needed repairs. Repair fees are listed below.

Item	Replacement/Repair Cost
Touchpad/palm rest	\$30
LCD screen	\$100
Keyboard	\$80
Top Assembly	\$65
Motherboard	\$150

Repairs may **ONLY** be completed by Cullman County Schools IT Department.

Once the parents/guardians/students agreement has been completed, devices will be issued on a date to be determined by the technology coordinator and the administration of Cullman County Schools.

Devices must be returned in acceptable condition upon request or at such time as the student ceases to be enrolled in a Cullman County School. Failure to do so may result in monetary and/or criminal charges. All devices will be returned at the end of each school year, stored, and maintained by Cullman County Schools.

Should a device need to be turned in for repair, students can turn in the device to the library- media center. During a set time/day of the week.

As technology ages, the cost of the device will be depreciated 20% of the previous year's value.

Device age in years	Sample cost (actual cost determined by pricing of new device)
0	\$300.00
1	\$240.00
2	\$196.00
3	\$156.80

Financial hardship: Should fees result in financial hardship, parents/guardians/students are urged to contact the school administration for assistance with a payment plan or scholarship.

Student Devices

- Dell 11" Chromebook Model 3100 or equivalent.
- Carrying Case with zipper pocket and Shoulder Strap
- TMobile WiFi Hotspot (2GB)

Student Device Guidelines

- Students will be expected to follow all guidelines in the Cullman County Schools Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in progressive disciplinary actions, monetary fines, and/or removal of the device.
- Devices should be fully charged and brought to class daily.
- Devices should be stored in the case provided.
- Devices should never be placed on the ground or in any other location they might receive direct pressure (such as being sat on or stepped on).
- Users should avoid placing heavy objects on or applying excessive force to the screen of the device.
- Devices should be kept away from liquid or extreme temperature (excessive heat or cold).
- Device volume should be muted unless sound is permitted by a Cullman County Schools employee.
- Devices come equipped with front- and/or rear-facing cameras. Students must obtain administrator permission to publish any photograph or video of school-related activity.
- Cullman County Schools student email account through Google Apps for Education will be used to access/login to these devices. This account is for educational purposes only and provides students a way to store or share files created on the device.
- Apps, profiles, or identification stickers/displays installed on the device by Cullman County Schools may not be removed for any reason.
- Students may not place stickers or other permanent identifying marks on the device or case(s).
- No attempt should be made to disassemble, repair, or alter the software or hardware of the device. This includes "jailbreaking" or having another person complete repair to the device.
- Devices and/or accessories may not be shared with others.
- Devices and accessories must be returned upon request or upon withdrawal from Cullman County Schools.
- If a device is lost/stolen, the parent/guardian/student must report to the Cullman County Schools Technology Department Director and pay for device replacement.

Parents/Guardian/Student Device Agreement

- I have read and agree to comply with the Cullman County Schools Technology Usage Agreement. Available on the district and school website.
- I understand that I am assuming the responsibility of a device owned by Cullman County Schools and that failure to secure the device can result in monetary expenses.
- I understand that I/my student has been issued a Google Apps for Education account that will be used for educational file storage and communication.
- I understand that deductibles for repairs apply in accidental situations and that intentional damage is assessed at full cost. Device case must be used at ALL TIMES. Failure to use the case may void warranty coverage.
- I agree to return the device and its accessories upon request or upon withdrawal from Cullman County Schools.

____ I/We OPT OUT of the Program - Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am requesting the following coverage for the student device:

_____ Option 1: \$25.00 Annual Fee (per Academic year) for accidental device damage - \$300 limit accessories are not covered.

_____ Option 2: Parent/Guardian/Student accepts responsibility for repair of device(s), if necessary.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

For Office Use Only:

Brand and Model of Chromebook Device: _____

Serial Number of Chromebook Device: _____

Cullman County School ID Number: _____

Brand and Model of TMobile WiFi Device: _____

Serial Number of TMobile WiFi Device: _____

Cullman County School ID Number: _____

Insurance Purchase: _____ Yes _____ No

Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check **Note check Number _____ Scholarship _____ PayPams

Notes: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date Issued: _____