

North Royalton City Schools

North Royalton Middle School

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1:1 Chromebook Student Guidelines

The North Royalton City Schools is issuing a Chromebook laptop to you to assist with completing schoolwork and the learning process. It is your responsibility to take care of the Chromebook, which you will use as long as you are a student at North Royalton Middle School. You are expected to bring the charged Chromebook to school each day, and to keep it safe and in good working order. While it is assigned to you for your use, the device remains the property of the North Royalton City School District.

Expectations

Your Chromebook will play an important role in your schoolwork. You will use it to access online textbooks and learning resources, complete and submit assignments, take quizzes and tests, and create projects that show what you have learned. With this resource comes responsibility. You must make sure that you keep the Chromebook safe from harm, and that you treat it with care. When interacting online, remember that you are responsible for the choices you make, and that cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation are prohibited. Please read the section in the student handbook related to technology and networks, and follow the rules explained there. Please know that your parents have also signed an acceptable use policy.

Like textbooks and other materials issued to students, the Chromebook and all components associated with it must be returned at the end of the school year. The same Chromebook will be issued to you next year. If you leave North Royalton Middle School prior to the end of the year, these items must be returned before your records will be released to your new school.

Please note that all sixth and seventh graders will have identical Chromebooks. You may want to personalize yours with stickers or decorations; however it is your responsibility to ensure that these decorations do not permanently alter the Chromebook. Failure to return the device in a clean condition may result in you and your family replacing it with a new Chromebook.

Technical Support

Technical support for the Chromebook is provided in the media center. Please bring your Chromebook to that location for assistance when needed. Staff will be on hand to troubleshoot and resolve problems with the devices as needed.

Technology & Networks

The North Royalton City School District provides technological resources to facilitate growth in productivity, communication, and collaboration. Use of technology, whether district owned or personal property, must support education, academic research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the North Royalton City School District. Any other use is unacceptable.

The North Royalton City School District's classrooms, libraries, and offices are connected into a network which provides access to the Internet and other educational resources. Additional technological resources may be used as a part of the educational process, including but not limited to, computers, communication devices, recording/storage/playback units, and assistive technologies.

Students are encouraged to use the District's computers and Internet connection for educational purposes. Use of such resources is a privilege, not a right. Students must conduct themselves in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these guidelines, may result in cancellation of the privilege, disciplinary action consistent with the Student Handbook, and/or civil or criminal liability. Prior to accessing the Internet at school, students must sign the agreement. Parental permission is required for minors.

The goals of this Acceptable Use Policy are to maximize the benefits of these technological resources for our school district, to encourage responsible behavior, and to protect students, staff, and the community from potential harm.

Acceptable Use Policy

To access e-mail and/or Internet at school, students under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain parent permission. Students eighteen (18) and over must complete the agreement. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. The Board of Education's Internet connection is provided for educational purposes. Unauthorized and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of this privilege. The Board has implemented the use of a Technology Protection Measure which is a specific technology that will protect against (e.g., block/filter) Internet access to visual displays that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors. The Board also monitors online activity of students in an effort to restrict access to material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that determined users may be able to gain access to information, communication and/or services on the Internet which the Board has not authorized for educational purposes and/or which they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable, or controversial. Parents/guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the Internet. Students accessing the Internet through the school's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Internet. The Board has the right to monitor, review and inspect directories, files and/or messages residing on or sent using the Board's computers/networks. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Note: Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The principal may deny, revoke, or suspend access to the network/Internet to individuals who violate the Board's Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

Breakage Policy

Students will be responsible for the upkeep of the device assigned to them. They are welcome to use a protective case of their choosing, provided that they are not making any permanent changes to the device. They will be required to turn in the device and the power cord that has been assigned to them.

In the event that loss or breakage has occurred, it will be up to the administration and technology department to determine if it is accidental or from misuse. If it is a first time event and it is determined that the damage was done accidentally, the district will repair or replace the device at no charge to the student. If it is determined that the damage was due to misuse, or if it is a second breakage with the same student, the student will be charged the cost of repair or replacement.

Internet Filtering and Privacy

When used at school, the computer has filtered Internet access through the school's network. When it's not at school, the device will have both Google Suite for Education and Go Guardian purchased services attached. However, the network source may not be filtered. Families should establish guidelines for appropriate use of the computer outside of school. Parents may decide, for example, that the student will use the computer in a public area of the house, and that it will be charged overnight in a central location. Parents should be aware of all student log-ins and passwords. Solutions are available to provide parental controls on all devices used on a home network, including the school-issued computer. Contact your internet provider for more information.

The school officials have limited ability to remotely access student computers or the data on them when they are not on the school's network. School officials will not enable cameras or microphones, or run programs on the computers. The district may log the IP addresses assigned to the computers, and this data may be used to attempt to recover lost computers.

Use of a school-issued computer at any time to access material that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors is a violation of School Board policy and federal law.