



**Gary Independent School District
Student Device Use Agreement
2024 - 2025**

Introduction

Gary ISD has multiple types of technology that it issues to our students. Such devices include, but are not limited to iPads and Chromebooks. These devices are meant to enhance the students' learning environment, but this use is not without responsibility. We want to take this opportunity to outline those responsibilities for both students and parents as well as our expectations for the use of the district's technology equipment. We ask that students and parents read this agreement very carefully.

Student Responsibilities

The devices issued to students are important learning tools, and they are for educational purposes only. To make sure that the devices are ready for use, we expect students to accept the following responsibilities:

At all times, all students will not:

- Modify the Chromebook in any way, other than instructed by the administrator or other school personnel.
- Use the Chromebook for entertainment purposes (watching videos, playing games, social media), unless otherwise instructed.
- Use the Chromebook camera to take pictures of other students or faculty members.
- Download songs, videos, or applications.
- Use any messaging services
- Allow others to access their Chromebook.
- Decorate Chromebook covers, unless the student is willing to pay for a replacement.
- Share any personal information.

Student Responsibilities for Out-of-Classroom Use

All students attending Gary ISD Junior High and High School are permitted to take their devices home. At Gary ISD, students in particular grades may be permitted to take their devices home as well. Similarly, a school closure may mean that all students at Gary ISD are permitted to take their devices home so that instruction and learning may continue.

If you are permitted to take your device home, you will:

- Honor your family's values when using the devices at home.
- Bring the devices to school with you each day with a fully-charged battery

- Use your best efforts to make sure that the devices aren't damaged, lost, or stolen while in your possession.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities for Out-of-Classroom Use

If your child is issued devices to use outside of the classroom, it is pertinent the following guidelines be followed to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of the device.

Parents will:

- Supervise the child's use of the devices at home
- Discuss their family values and expectations regarding the use of the internet and email at home as well as supervising their child's usage of the same.
- Ensure that they themselves or their child reports any mechanical or technical issues to the school, through the online technology ticket program found on the Gary ISD website.
- Make sure that their child understands the responsibilities expected of students in this agreement.

Gary ISD wants to inform parents that every precaution will be taken to keep your child safe. Gary ISD has implemented multiple forms of internet safety and monitoring systems, which include monitoring school issue devices (only) at home.

Equipment Ownership and Control

Issued equipment is, and at all times remains, the property of Gary Independent School District and is subject to inspection at any time.

If the student graduates early, withdraws, is expelled, or otherwise leaves or separates from Gary ISD, the student must return any and all equipment at that time. The district also further reserves the right to ask for the equipment to be returned at any time based on district needs. Regardless, the district will collect all issued equipment on designated dates and times at the end of the academic year.

Damage to Devices

The district has a need to protect the investment made in the devices issued to the students. As such, according to State of Texas Family Code 41.001, the parent will be responsible for the repair or replacement costs for any intentional harm, damage, or neglect of any devices issued to the student if the student is over the age of 10, whether that damage occurs on or off of the Gary ISD campus.

For students under that age of 10, the parent will be responsible for the repair or replacement costs for any intentional harm, damage, or neglect of any devices issued to the student while the device is not on school property. Parents will **NOT** be responsible for repair or replacement costs if the student is under the direct and exclusive supervision of a school district employee (ex. On a field trip).

In all instances, reasonable wear and tear is expected on all devices. This wear and tear shall be determined by the district's IT department.

Lost Devices

Should students lose a device, the district will typically replace that device with one on-hand. The parent will then be billed for the full replacement cost of the device. The district will **not** prorate the cost of lost or stolen devices.

The approximate costs of some of the most frequently-issued technology are listed below, though pricing changes periodically due to market circumstances. The district will charge the parent for the lost or stolen device at the current market rate:

- iPad - \$380
- iPad Charger - \$50
- Chromebook - \$350
- Chromebook Charger - \$50
- Chromebook Screen Replacement - \$60

Insurance

As the parent or guardian, your renter or homeowner policy may cover damages to devices. Please check with your insurer to find any options available. This may cover the cost of damages, lost, or stolen devices.

Student's Full Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____