# CHROMEBOOK POLICY



# **SMCS Chromebook Protection Plan Policy**

To help students manage and maintain school-issued Chromebooks, St. Marys City Schools (SMCS) offers a Chromebook Protection Plan to assist with repair costs in cases of accidental damage. Please review the terms, coverage, and limitations carefully before participating.

## **How the Protection Plan Works**

A **non-refundable annual fee** is required each school year for coverage:

- High School (Grades 9–12): \$50 per year
- Middle School (Grades 6–8): \$35 per year

The Protection Plan provides financial coverage of **up to \$250 per school year** toward repair or replacement costs due to accidental damage.

If total repair costs exceed \$250 within a school year, the student/parent is responsible for any additional balance.

While the plan is active, student(s) are eligible for:

 A loaner Chromebook while the student's device is being repaired (if all Protection Plan fees are paid in full)

# **Repair Classifications**

#### **Minor Repairs**

- Any repair costing up to \$100
- Multiple minor repairs may accumulate into a major repair if combined costs exceed \$100

#### **Major Repairs**

- Any repair costing over \$100, up to the full replacement cost of the device
- If the cost of repair equals or exceeds the replacement cost, the student/parent is responsible for the remaining balance once the \$250 annual coverage limit is reached.

# **Limitations & Responsibilities**

#### **Protection Plan Fee Requirement**

If the Protection Plan fee is unpaid, the student's Chromebook will be held by the Technology Department until:

- The fee is paid or
- The full cost of repair or replacement is covered

#### Loss & Theft

- SMCS is not responsible for lost devices.
  The student must locate the device or pay the replacement cost.
- If a device is stolen, a police report must be filed and provided to the Technology Department immediately.

## **Negligence & Intentional Damage**

Damage caused by negligence, abuse, or intentional misuse is **not covered** by the Protection Plan. The student/parent will be charged the **full repair or replacement cost**.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Leaving the Chromebook on the floor or unsafe surfaces
- Using the device without the provided protective case
- Slamming, throwing, or intentionally damaging the device

#### **Loaner Chromebooks**

- Loaner devices are only available if all Protection Plan fees are fully paid.
- Any damage to a loaner Chromebook is the **full responsibility** of the student/parent and is not covered by the student's original plan.

# **Estimated Repair Costs**

(Prices subject to change based on market conditions)

Repair Type	Estimated Cost
Touch Screen Replacement	\$65+
Non-Touch Screen Replacement	\$30+
Keyboard Replacement	\$40+
Charger Replacement	\$13+
Battery Replacement	\$60+
Bump Armor Case	\$22 (new) / \$15 (used)
Standard Carrying Case	\$15 (new) / \$10 (used)
Full Device Replacement	\$250+

# **Chromebook Technical Support**

All repairs and technical assistance are handled by the **SMCS Technology Department**.

## **Services Provided:**

- Hardware maintenance and repairs
- User account support
- Coordination of warranty repairs
- Distribution of loaner Chromebooks

# **Effective Dates & Responsibilities**

- The Chromebook and charger must be in good working condition at the end of the school year.
- Devices remain the **property of SMCS**, and the district reserves the right to inspect them at any time.
- In accordance with Board Policy: *Acceptable Use and Internet Safety*, students and parents are responsible for the device until its return date.
- Parents are financially responsible for any Chromebook or charger that is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond plan coverage.
- Failure to return or pay for a damaged device may result in **legal action** or withholding of privileges.

For questions or support, please contact the SMCS Technology Department.