

Frequently asked questions about the DCSS One-to-One Technology Initiative

Does the One-to-one initiative eliminate the need for textbooks?

Students will continue to have access to textbooks for classes. However, the use of the traditional textbooks may be gradually phased out as many textbooks will be available digitally to students on their device.

Who is responsible for loss, theft, or damage of the device?

As with any other instructional material, the student is responsible for his or her device. Teachers will work with students to educate them on responsible use and safekeeping of their device. Students are required to report a lost or stolen device immediately to their teacher or designated school administrator. Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine whether or not they can be repaired.

What are the consequences for a student improperly using a device/school network?

Improper use of technology may result in disciplinary action as outlined in the DCSS student code of conduct, and/or limited/terminated access to their device. Please refer to the district's Student Code of Conduct and your school student handbook.

Are there fees associated with the program?

Yes. This school year, each student will be assessed a \$25 technology fee to cover minor repairs, replacement of batteries, and other costs associated with electronic devices.

How are students protected from inappropriate content?

Each device is pre-loaded with district-approved filtering software to meet CIPA regulations. Students should follow the expectations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and report any accidental inappropriate use/material to their teacher or administrator. Parents are responsible for supervising student use when the device is being used away from school.

Will students keep the laptops at home during the summer?

No. At the end of each school year, all devices are returned to the school.

What if my student moves or transfers during the school year?

Each device is the property of DCSS. If a student moves or changes schools during the school year, the student should return the device to the issuing school.

What if a student doesn't have access to the Internet at home?

The district will have a limited number of Internet hotspots available. Students and families without Internet access may request the use of an Internet hotspot. Schools will check these out when issuing devices to students upon request, dependent upon availability.

What if I don't know anything about how computers work?

Instruction on the use of technology tools provided by the school system will be integrated into each student's classroom experience. In addition, DCSS provides learning resources and opportunities for parents throughout the school year to help familiarize them with the technology made available through the one-to-one initiative.

Does a student need to have a printer to print out assignments?

No, printers are not necessary. Assignments will be shared with teachers and among students using a variety of online systems.

Can my student bring their own computer to school?

Each school will set their own expectations for student use of personal devices while on campus. These devices cannot be supported by DCSS staff and may have limited functionality.