



## FAQ's (2021-2022)

### ***What is the Plainedge Mobile Device One to One Program?***

We are very excited to continue our mobile device one to one initiative. Students in grades 4, 5, & 6 in our elementary schools will be assigned an iPad and grades 7, 8 in our middle school as well as selected classes in the High School will be assigned a Chromebook with specially selected software which they will be able to take home with them each day. By having access to technology 24/7, children can extend their learning and use the tools that motivate them to learn.

### ***Why an iPad or Chromebook?***

One of the major goals of this program is to leverage technology to benefit the needs of all 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners. As part of the District's Technology Roadmap, we believe having access to this technology 24/7 will enhance the learning experiences and will positively impact student achievement.

In grades 4, 5, & 6, students will utilize iPads and in grade 7, 8 and selected high school classes they will utilize Chromebooks in support of their classroom instruction and for collaboration, research, projects, and homework. Each mobile device is equipped with a productivity suite of software tools as well as instructional apps to help support your child's learning. Each mobile device can also access our virtual network and login to a full Windows 10 desktop.

We also believe that the iPad and Chromebook will provide educational benefits including increased student motivation, additional time on learning, increased variety of instructional methods, improved access to information, and support of equal access for all students.

### ***What if I don't have Wi-Fi at home?***

Home wireless Internet access or Wi-Fi is not a requirement. However, some assignments may need to be completed at your school, a public library or other Wi-Fi enabled location.

### ***Why are mobile devices not being provided to all students to take home district-wide?***

Cost is one consideration. Gradual increase will ensure our infrastructure and methods of support will work for this different type of machine use and expansion of the number of machines. We have computer labs, laptop carts and iPad carts which will increasingly become available for other students. From our experience we have learned the value of building a program in reasonable increments. Please see the District's Technology Roadmap for details on our 3-year goals. We do have 10 shared iPads in each K-3 classroom.

### ***Can my child bring in his/her own device, instead of using the school device?***

No. There are a number of reasons why. Our plan is to fully monitor and evaluate the use of the school owned mobile devices. We believe providing consistent resources to students will help both students and teachers to implement effective learning activities.

### ***What will happen to my child's work stored on the device?***

Student work saved to the mobile device is the student's responsibility to backup. The District assumes no responsibility for lost work due to malfunction or user error.

## **Questions about Appropriate Use:**

### ***What policies apply when using the district's mobile device?***

The mobile device is to support teaching and learning. Use of the mobile device is governed by the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology in the Plainedge School District and the policies and procedures in the Plainedge School District Code of Conduct and Mobile Device Handbook and Mobile Device Loan and Use Agreement.

### ***How will the websites used be filtered and monitored?***

All Internet access while used on the Plainedge School District network is filtered and monitored in the same way we do with regular laptops and desktops. When the mobile device is used off campus, it will not be filtered in any way. It is the responsibility of the student to use the mobile device appropriately. We encourage parents to discuss appropriate use with their child and set guidelines for home and off campus use and monitoring in compliance with our policies.

### ***Who can use the Mobile Device?***

Only the assigned student can use the mobile device. The mobile device is provided for educational support of the student and should not be used by others.

### ***What will happen if my student forgets to bring the iPad or Chromebook to school?***

All students are expected to be prepared to participate in each day's class discussions and activities. As such, mobile devices must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. Failure to bring the mobile device to school charged will impact a student's performance in accordance to individual course expectations much like forgetting to bring in a book, paper, pen or pencil. There will be consequences but the consequences will not be withholding education. When appropriate, a loaner mobile device may be provided.

## **Questions about Security:**

### ***How will mobile devices be identified?***

Mobile devices will be identified with markings on the mobile device including the Plainedge School District's Asset Tag and the manufacturer's serial number. These labels are to help students, parents, and teachers ensure students are using their designated machine.

### ***How will mobile devices be protected from damage?***

Mobile devices will be in the student's active possession most of the day. The expectation is that students will keep the iPads in the provided protective cases. The cover provided with iPads have sufficient padding to protect the iPad from normal treatment and provide a suitable means for carrying the device within the school. The Chromebooks is designed with a rugged protective outer shell which is not removable.

### ***How will mobile devices be secured during the school day?***

The mobile devices will be in the possession of the students through the school day. In situations where the mobile device is not in the possession of the student (such as in a physical education class), mobile devices will be placed in a secure location (e.g. Main Office, Library, Classroom, locked student locker) at the beginning of the period and retrieved at the end of the period.

### **Questions about Costs:**

#### ***Who owns the mobile device?***

The mobile devices are the property of the Plainedge School District.

#### ***Who pays for accessories?***

The iPad will be supplied with a cover, charger and sync cord. The Chromebook will be supplied along with a charger.

#### ***Are there any school fees for using the mobile device?***

There are no school fees for participation in the one to one program other than the replacement or repair costs if the device and accessories are lost or damaged.

#### ***Who is responsible for repair of the device?***

The school district will be responsible for repairing device in the case of malfunction. Damage or hardware issues should be reported immediately to your classroom teacher. A loaner may be provided, if available, during repair or reimage.

#### ***Who is responsible for damage or theft of the device?***

Willful negligent or intentional loss or damage of the mobile device and/or accessories will require restitution from the student in accordance with the Plainedge School District's Mobile Device Handbook and Mobile Device Use and Loan Agreement.

Mobile devices are insured for theft, damage and loss. The Plainedge Public School District will file the insurance claim on behalf of the parent upon receipt of the following:

- Payment of the \$100 deductible
- Fully executed "Property Loss Notice" form
- In the case of a claim of theft, a police report must be filed by the parent, and a copy of the police report must be provided to the district.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Check for Damaged/Lost</b>	<b>Fee</b>
iPad or Chromebook Screen		\$100.00
iPad Case		40.00
iPad USB Charging Cord		20.00
iPad Charging Blocking for USB Charging Cord		20.00
Chromebook Charger		50.00

- Claims should be made on the next school day after the occurrence. The documentation should be provided to the Main Office of your child's school. If the above documentation is not provided, the parent will be responsible for the full cost of the mobile device.