FILLMORE CENTRAL SCHOOL

1:1 **Guide and Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Vision Statement**

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FCS will be a model regional school where all students learn, grow, and succeed, by: using technology as a learning tool, providing diverse learning opportunities, inspiring academic excellence and maintaining fiscal stability.

## **Parent Guide**

**What is 1:1?**

Fillmore Central School had the opportunity to apply for the Smart Schools Bond Act, and a large portion of this initiative was to increase technology for students and teachers at FCS. The 1:1 initiative was implemented to increase student success. The program is focused on ensuring students are college and career ready as well as have access to unlimited resources for learning. K-4 students will receive a 2017 iPad that will be stored in their Elementary classroom. Grades 5-12 will receive a Dell Laptop, which students will take home to complete school assignments and accomplish research.

## **Student/Guardian Shared Device Agreement**

The student/parent/guardian shared device agreement outlines student and parent/guardian responsibilities. By signing the Shared Device Agreement that will be provided, the student/parent/guardian agree to the terms outlined.

Requirements:

* Each student will receive a Dell laptop, charger and a protective case.
* The device must be charged at night and brought to school each day.
* Students cannot deface or destroy the device in any manner.
* Inappropriate use of the laptop or accessories may result in serious consequences.

## **FAQs**

**Frequently asked Questions**

* **Who is offering insurance for the Laptop?** 
  + Warranties have been purchased by Fillmore Central School through Dell and Apple. The iPads will be protected with tough, rubberized cases and the laptops will be provided with a protective carrying case. When the laptop is not in use, it should always be placed in the protective carrying case.
* **What does the warranty cover?** 
  + Mechanical failure of the CPU, hard drive, keyboard, monitor
  + Accidental Damage: drops, falls, collisions, liquid spill (cracked screen one time repair)
  + Uncovered situations will be handled on an individual basis for damage replacement costs, which would include:
    - Theft (Requires police investigative report)
    - Vandalism
    - Intentional Damage
    - Damage due to fire
    - Cosmetic damage
    - Consumable parts
* **Are we required to have Internet or Wi-Fi at home?** 
  + Parents are *not* required to have the Internet or Wi-Fi at home. While the laptops have features that require the use of these, all school requirements regarding this can be completed during school time or students will have the assignment downloaded onto their laptop before leaving school. The Wide Awake Club Public Library in Fillmore also provides free Wi-Fi during the hours:
    - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
    - Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
    - Saturday from 9 a.m. – Noon
* **Is Internet access filtered on these devices?**
  + Yes.  Fillmore Central School purchases a content filtering service from Erie 1 BOCES.   When the devices leave the building there will be additional offsite filtering provided. It is the family’s responsibility to monitor the student use of the Internet outside the school setting, as we have concerns that a determined student may be able to jump any digital fence that the network web filter can provide. We suggest families keep computers plugged in overnight in a centrally located area.
* **Will a case and earbuds be provided?** 
  + The laptop, charge cord and high-end protective case will be provided to students. Students are not required to have earbuds or other accessories but are always welcome to purchase such items on their own if interested.
* **When will the device be turned in each year?**
  + Each student will return his or her device to the school at the end of the school year, upon withdrawal from the school district, or upon request of a staff member. It must be returned in good working condition.
* **Do students keep the same laptop each year?**
  + No. Each device will be re-imaged during the summer and annual maintenance will be performed.
* **Will my child be able to access Social Networking sites on their devices?**
  + Currently, many major social networks are blocked on the devices. Some forms of structured social media will be incorporated at appropriate grade/age levels, and students will be provided Digital Citizenship lessons for how to use technology appropriately and to be a responsible, safe, digital citizen on the Internet.
* **As a parent/guardian, how do we enforce safe technology use?**

*Some procedures parents/guardians could use at home are:*

* + Remind students that parents/guardians/school staff are able to review what is on the device at any time.
  + Devices should be used in a central location in the home.
  + Devices should not be used during meals.
* **How will students be prepared for the responsibility of having their own computing device?**
  + The laptops for grades 5-12 will be treated like a textbook. Students must care for textbooks and will be required to care for the laptop in the same manner. Students will be provided lessons on how to take care of their device and how to use it appropriately, but parental supervision is also recommended.
* **What if I don’t want my child to be able to take the iPad or Laptop home?** 
  + Devices are viewed as essential to student learning, similar to a textbook. Parents/Guardians are given the ability to allow the student to use the device at school, but not allow him/her to bring the device home. Parents/Guardians who choose this option will need to work with their child to make sure that all school work requiring the use of technology is completed during school hours, during the after school program, or at the Public Library.
* **What happens if a device is not working?**
  + The student will be issued a device on loan, if available, while the issue is resolved.
* **What will happen if a student does not bring his or her device to school?**
  + Students will still be responsible for the completion of their class work. If a replacement device is available, the student can use the device in school only. If one is not available, the same expectations that would apply if a student forgot a textbook or other class resources will be used.
* **How will the student’s device be identified?**
  + Each device will have a unique serial number and a label on it with the student’s name and the school’s telephone number.

* **What happens if a student loses his or her device?**
  + If lost, the parent/guardian/student will need to pay the full replacement cost of the device.
* **The laptop is low on battery.  What should we do?**
  + Make sure the device is charged before entering the school building each day.  If charged nightly, the laptop will stay charged throughout the school day.  Electrical outlets will not always be in reach for students to charge a device, so be sure to plan ahead.  The teacher may allow for students to charge laptops in their classroom.
* **What happens if a student’s device is stolen?**
  + If the device is stolen off campus, the theft of the device must be immediately reported to the police. A copy of the police report must be provided to your child’s school the next day school’s in session. If the device is stolen on campus, the theft of the device must be immediately reported to the principal.  All parents should discuss safety precautions with his or her child.
* **How does a student print from his/her personal device at school?**
  + The 1:1 initiative will greatly decrease the need for printed materials, as course materials can be viewed electronically. There may be times that something will need to be printed. Students will be able to print to the HS Computer Lab.
* **Does this mean that students will not have textbooks?**
  + Students will continue to have textbooks; however, they can expect fewer textbooks in upcoming years as FCS expands its implementation of 1:1. Some students may be enrolled in courses that continue to utilize class sets of textbooks to supplement classroom instruction. The textbook is one of many resources used to deliver the curriculum.
* **Is my child’s teacher prepared for this 1:1 integration?**
  + For the past two years, all teachers K-12 have received professional development on integrating technology into the classroom. Teachers will continue with monthly training days and will have access to summer technology trainings to encourage further integration of technology into the classroom.