

Helen S. Dunn School
Computer Information

Students in grades 3-8 will be bringing laptop computers home with them every day. Listed below are some things to keep in mind to help your child and our school get the most from this program and to keep the devices in good working condition.

The computers are property of the school and need to be cared for and used responsibly. If the computer is damaged the student's family will be expected to pay for the cost of repair.

The computer is not to be used by friends or siblings. Parents are permitted complete access to the device. Your child should tell you their password so you can log into their account at any time.

Students are responsible for bringing their computer, fully charged, to school every day. In the event of a school closure for any reason (including weather) students will use their computer for remote learning.

Computers should be charged and used in an area with good ventilation for the device to avoid overheating. Not on a bed, pillow, etc. Do not charge the computer when it is in the carrying case. Do not touch the screen.

Computers should be used in a clean stable environment, away from dirt, ***liquid***, ***food***, etc. and on a stable surface. Keep away from pets as I have seen animals do some strange and harmful things to student computers and chargers cords over the years.

Parents are asked to monitor computer usage when the student has the device at home. Have them use the computer where you can see it, check what they are doing on the web. Keep an eye on them for their own safety.

If the computer is damaged the family will be responsible for paying for the cost of repair. If damage happens you should bring the computer to Mr. Brownwell to be sent out for repair. The Repair Depot will send the cost of repair to the school and we will pass it along to the family. Each computer will be assigned with a charger. If the charger or cord is lost or destroyed the family will need to pay for a replacement.

Some time minor issues or abnormalities can be cleared up simply by turning the device off, waiting a few minutes, then restarting it (this is called "re-booting"). Try this first.

Students are not allowed to use the computer on the bus. The device must remain in the carrying case while on the bus.

Computer use violations will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Consequences include, but are not limited to, loss of “free time” use of the computer; monitored use (only using the computer when a teacher can view the screen); detention; suspension.

The computer will connect to your home wireless network. You will need to enter your network’s password the first time it connects.

If you do not have internet access at home the school will issue you a hotspot to use at home. The student’s computer can then be connected to the internet through the hotspot. The hotspot comes with six months of free internet access (the 6 months started August 27,)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Brownell at abrownell@hsgreenbush.org