

welcome to 21st century teaching & learning

Grand Island Public Schools is pleased to announce the addition of new digital resources to our already outstanding curriculum. The use of laptops and constantly updated online curriculum materials will continue GIPS' dedication to our students becoming 21st century learners and responsible digital citizens.

Our students and staff will continue to focus on the following pillars of 21st learning:

Communication and Collaboration

Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.

Creativity and Innovation

Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and develop innovative products and processes using technology.

Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making

Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.

Research and Information Fluency

Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate and use information.

Voluntary Protection Plan

The implementation of laptops as a learning resource represents a large financial commitment on the part of the district. Students are financially responsible for any damages to their device. In order to provide end-user protection and peace of mind, GIPS is offering a voluntary protection plan. If you choose to enroll, the financial burden of *accidental* damage or theft will be lessened.

Cost

The protection plan works on a yearly charge with a per-incident deductible:

- Yearly Enrollment Cost = \$10
- 1st Incident Deductible = \$20
- 2nd Incident Deductible = \$40
- 3rd Incident Deductible = \$60

Enrollment/use

K-5 students can enroll in the program by speaking with their school secretary. 6-12 students can enroll in the program by visiting the media center at their school.

Anytime there is an issue with a laptop, students should bring it to the media center immediately.

Sample Repair Costs(without Protection Plan)

Students are responsible for any damage to their device. The Protection Plan helps to relieve some of the costs of accidental damage. Some examples are:

- Display \$ 40
- Keys(up to 4) \$20
- Keys(4 or more) \$47
- New Case \$22
- G4/G5 Charger \$30
- G6 Charger \$45
- G4 Replacement \$166
- G5 Replacement \$177
- G6 Replacement \$185

digital learning at your fingertips



Grand Island Public Schools Student 1-to-1 Program



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Frequently asked questions

We're sure you have many questions about the student 1-to-1 program. If your questions aren't answered here, feel free to contact your school's media center.

I already have an laptop. Can I use that one?

No, GIPS no longer supports a BYOD (Bring your own device) policy. Students are all provided a school issued device and will be expected to adhere to student acceptable use guidelines and networking policies.
(See reverse side for details.)

May students opt out of using a laptop?

No. The laptop will serve as the instructional resource for many classes, so students will be expected to bring it to class fully charged everyday.

What about laptop accessories?

Each school laptop will come with a case, which is expected to be used at all times.

Can students install their own apps?

No, students may install district approved apps only. Through management software and our curriculum resource portal, the district will make available approved apps (that must be downloaded free) for instructional purposes.

Will the web be filtered on student laptops at school?

Yes. Although no web-filtering is 100 percent, the laptop will have the same filtering as all other GIPS networked resources.

Will the web be filtered on student laptops at home?

Yes. All internet traffic on the laptop will be filtered through the GIPS filtering technology, no matter where it is accessed.

Is wireless Internet required at home?

No. However, wireless internet access at home will allow students to communicate and collaborate with others while at home. Free Wi-Fi is available at the Grand Island Public Library.

What happens if the laptop is broken, lost or stolen?

Students are fully responsible for their assigned laptop. However, we offer a voluntary protection plan that will ease the financial impact of a damaged or stolen laptop. (See reverse side for details.) If a laptop is in for repair, students will be issued a loaner until their assigned device is repaired and returned.

Are all textbooks electronic?

No. However, GIPS is committed, through our resource adoption process, to only explore options available in a digital format.

Will the laptops be a distraction to students who could be playing games and surfing the web instead of staying on task?

Becoming a productive digital citizen requires students learn to manage their daily technology use. We believe with a rigorous and relevant curriculum, engaging instruction, and diligent teacher supervision the laptop is a tool with the potential to help students think, learn and communicate in a manner that will help them to become productive citizens in an interconnected, global world. New teacher software will help them monitor student use during class.

Will students keep their laptops over school breaks?

Yes, with the exception of summer break. At the end of the school year students will turn in their laptops for maintenance and then be assigned the same device at the beginning of the next school year.

Laptop user agreement

Before students are issued a district-owned laptop, they must agree to the following terms:

- The assigned laptop is the property of Grand Island Public Schools. Parents/Guardians and students agree that it will only be used in accordance with the GIPS Acceptable Use Policy. Any damage or loss may result in a financial liability placed upon the student.
- I will bring the laptop to school every day, fully charged for class.
- I am fully responsible for the laptop.
- I will keep the laptop in the provided protective case at all times.
- If I leave Grand Island Public Schools I will return the laptop and all accessories.
- All laptops are subject to a search at any given time. I have no expectation of privacy in regards to the use of the laptop.
- I will not unistall or modify user profile software installed by the district on the laptop.

