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One to One Devices

Frequently Asked Questions



Who will receive a laptop? All students in grades K-12 will be offered the opportunity to have a laptop assigned to them.

Are students required to have a laptop? No. Parents may opt out by completing the [Student Laptop Opt-Out Form](#)

- **If we opt out, will a paper version of the assignment be available?** When possible. In the event state approved textbooks are on backorder, teachers are supplementing with online resources.

Do students get to take the laptops home? Yes! The device is intended to help access academic resources and extend learning while at home.

Why don't you use the money for other needs? The federal government directs school districts in the appropriate use of federal grant funds. One of the lessons learned from Covid-19 was that many students did not have a device to access online learning resources. Funds received from ECF and ESSER will reduce this barrier for students and allow greater opportunity to master academic standards.

Will students return them at the end of the year? If the student plans to return to the same school the next year, they will not have to return the device. However, if the student changes schools, as with textbooks, the student will be required to return the device. The new school will issue a laptop to the student.

When will my student receive their laptop? Each school has been scheduled, however, laptop distribution will take several months due to device availability and shipping from the manufacturer/vendor. The school will notify parents when the devices are ready for distribution at their school.

Will textbooks become digital? In Florida, almost all publishers already provide a digital version of the textbook and most supplemental materials. Typically, school districts purchase paper 'consumables' such as workbooks for student use.

How did you apply for the one to one roll out? The school district received funds from 2 federal grants:

- [Emergency Connectivity Funds \(ECF\)](#) which require funds to be spent on (1) connected devices to support remote learning or (2) wifi hotspots/modems router to provide internet services for students off campus.
- [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\)](#) funds.

Will charter schools be included? HCSD charter schools received the required share of grant funds. Charter schools are allowed to determine their use for grant funds. Parents should contact school administration with questions.

Can students bring their own laptops to school instead of accepting the district device? Yes and they can connect to the HCSD guest wireless network to access web based resources anywhere they have internet connection.

How will the school district fund this program after this school year? The laptops are expected to perform for 4-5 years. The school district will use voter approved millage funds to replenish or replace damaged devices after this year.

High school students take state exams soon. Why didn't the roll out start with them? After considering several factors, including the number of devices and online resources available, the Tech Task Force Committee determined the first group would be middle school.