One-to-One and Take-Home

One-to-One means each student in grades 3 through 12 will be assigned a district-owned laptop to use at school and one laptop will be assigned for every two students in grades K through 2.

Take-Home refers to One-to-One laptops being used at both school and home.

Responsibilities for Students and Parents

Students will use technology every day but not all day. We are expecting them to use it in the same way technology is used in the workforce, when it is the appropriate tool for the job. Our teachers will use technology into their classroom instruction when it is appropriate as well as determine when use at home is appropriate for an assignment. Students are responsible for the care and safety of their laptop, keeping their laptop working properly, and bringing it to school each day fully charged.

Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising the student's use of the laptop and internet access when in use outside school. Please refer to the SPS Laptop Take-Home Policy for additional information and visit http://staysafeonline.org to learn more about internet safety.

WeLearn is entirely focused on using technology to improve, enhance, and personalize classroom instruction in every classroom, every day, providing students a choice in how they learn. The ultimate goal is every Springfield student graduating from high school ready to realize their potential in college and career.
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What are parents’ responsibilities when students are using the school laptop at home?
Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising the student’s use of the laptop and internet access when in use outside school. They should discuss family rules in regard to technology use ensuring the laptop is used safely, efficiently, and ethically. Refer to the SPS Laptop Take-Home Policy for additional information and visit http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/resources/stc-tips-and-advice to learn more about internet safety.

What happens if a student’s laptop is not working properly?
Many issues can be resolved by simply restarting the laptop. If this does not work, their teacher should be notified as soon as possible during the school day.

What must students and parents do to receive a One-to-One laptop for Take-Home?
If your child’s school is currently participating in Take-Home, students and parents/guardians must read the SPS Take Home Policy, complete the required forms, and submit the take-home fee.

What happens if a laptop is lost, stolen, or damaged?
Laptops being sent home will be covered by an insurance policy purchased through a technology take-home fee paid annually ($20.00 for 2018-2019; set by School Committee).

Can students choose not to participate in the Take-Home Program?
Yes, but it is not recommended. If not participating, please ask your student’s school what alternatives exist for your student to access a laptop and wireless after school to complete assignments.

What are the other potential fees associated with Take-Home laptop?
Students may be required to cover the cost of lost or stolen power adapters. Also, a laptop damaged intentionally or through gross negligence, will be charged at full value.

Will students be able to access the internet outside school and is content filtered?
Yes, to both. Students will be able to access the internet anytime there is an available connection. Inappropriate content is blocked on SPS laptops whether they are being used inside or outside school.

What if my student does not have Internet access at home?
Some internet service providers (Comcast for example) offer discounted rates for at-home internet and hot-spots may be available from school libraries. Other options include downloading files before leaving school, utilizing extended library hours (high schools only), or connecting to public WIFI.

What happens if my student TRANSFERS within Springfield Public Schools?
Students transferring to another SPS school are required to turn in their laptop before leaving. Upon entering the new school within the district, another laptop will be issued by that school.

What happens if my student LEAVES Springfield Public Schools?
Students leaving the district must return their laptop, power cord, and case to the school on or before their last day.

Please refer to the SPS Laptop Take-Home Policy or contact your student’s school for further information.