

Port Edwards School District

Technology Handbook

- Chromebooks, Chargers, and Cases
- Appropriate Use of District Technology Accounts
- Grades 5-12



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(1) Receiving and Returning Chromebooks/Chargers/Cases

1.1 Issuing Chromebooks

Students will use a district-issued Chromebook/charger/case during the school year and while on school premises. Personal computers are not permitted in school. All Chromebooks/charges/cases are the property of the Port Edwards School District. Students will be issued the same Chromebook/charger/case each year. These will be distributed at the beginning of each school year. Before receiving a Chromebook/charger/case, students AND parents/guardians must read, understand, and agree to the terms in this handbook; each will be required to sign this document with that acknowledgment. This will be done electronically. All students and parents/guardians are encouraged to print a full copy of this document for their records.

1.2 Chromebook Return

Students' Chromebooks/chargers/cases will be returned to Port Edwards School District at the end of each school year. Return dates will be scheduled. Students who withdraw early, are suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment from the Port Edwards School District for any other reason, must return their Chromebook/chargers/cases on or before the date of withdrawal.

1.3 Chromebook Costs: Repairing and Replacing

Any Chromebooks/chargers/cases not returned will be considered stolen property and the replacement cost for the total amount of items not returned will be assessed. Local law enforcement officers may be notified for failure to pay or return items.

Students are responsible for the general care of the Chromebook/charger/case. If a Chromebook/charger/case fails to work properly or breaks, it should be brought to the designated library staff as soon as possible to assess the issue. District-owned Chromebooks cannot be taken to an outside computer service center for any type of repairs or maintenance.

Chromebooks/chargers/cases do not have insurance protection. Students and/or parents/guardians will be responsible for payment of damages to Chromebooks/chargers/cases beyond normal wear and tear, including but not limited to broken screens, missing/broken keys, damaged shells, frayed/cut/lost charging cords, and broken zippers on cases. The district determines which Chromebooks are issued to students. Students are not to borrow their school-issued Chrome/charger/case to another student. All fees associated with loss or damage will be assessed to the student when the device is issued. The prices below reflect the **2026-27** school year costs. Students are expected to pay all fees for the prior years before being issued a Chromebook/charger/case.

Chromebook Model ASUS CR1100

LCD (Screen)	\$30.00
Keyboard	\$55.00
45W USB-C Power Supply (Charger)	\$25.00
Replacement cost	\$175.00

Chromebook Model ASUS C204E

LCD (Screen)	\$30.00
Keyboard	\$55.00
45W USB-C Power Supply (Charger)	\$25.00
Replacement cost	\$175.00

(2) General Chromebook/Charger/Case Care

2.1 General Precautions

- Chromebooks/chargers/cases are the property of Port Edwards School District. All users will follow board policies for technology and acceptable use of the internet and technology.
- Keep food and drink away from the Chromebook at all times.
- Cords, cables, and removable storage devices must be inserted and removed carefully to prevent damage to those ports.
- Chromebooks should never be carried or stored with cords or removable storage devices plugged in.

- Students may not **write, draw, or add stickers** to district-owned Chromebooks/chargers/cases or remove/alter student identification cards or barcodes in any way.
- Students are responsible for bringing a fully charged Chromebook to school each day. PESD is not required to provide chargers or Chromebooks to students who have not come prepared.
- Chromebook covers should always be closed and tightly secured when being carried.
- Do not carry other items on top of the Chromebook.
- Chromebooks should never be lifted or carried by the screen or lid.
- Do not place other items in the case along with the Chromebook.
- Chromebooks and chargers are to remain in the issued case at all times.

2.2 Screen Care

- Chromebook screens can be easily damaged and are particularly sensitive to pressure applied to them.
- Do not lean on the Chromebook when it is open or closed.
- Do not place objects on the Chromebook.
- Do not close the cover with items (pens, phones, etc.) on the keyboard.
- Do not touch the screen with your fingers.
- Do not poke the screen with items that can scratch or damage it.
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.
- Broken screens are not normal wear and tear. Students will be responsible for the payment of broken screens.

2.3 Storing Your Chromebook

When students are not using their Chromebooks, they should store them in their LOCKED locker. Nothing should be placed on top of the Chromebook when it is stored in the locker. Students are encouraged to take their Chromebooks home every day after school, regardless of whether or not they are needed. Chromebooks should not be stored in vehicles at school or home for security and temperature control measures.

2.4 Chromebooks Left in Unsupervised Areas

Under no circumstances should Chromebooks be left in unsupervised areas. Unsupervised areas can include school grounds, lunchrooms, computer labs, locker rooms, library, unlocked classrooms and lockers, dressing rooms, gym, buses, lobbies, and hallways. Students will be responsible for the cost of replacing or repairing Chromebooks that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

(3) Using Chromebooks at School

3.1 School Use

Chromebooks/chargers/cases are intended for use at school each day. Students are responsible for bringing their Chromebook/charger/case to all classes every day, unless specifically told not to do so by the teacher. Chromebooks are meant for educational purposes and not the intent of gaming, watching videos, messaging, and the like. If a student is gaming, watching videos, or messaging, they may be in jeopardy of losing their device. Chromebooks/chargers/cases are the property of the Port Edwards School District. PESD staff and administration have the right to check any material stored on a student's Chromebook at any time. Students should have no expectation of privacy on school-owned Chromebooks or school-issued accounts.

3.2 Chromebooks/Chargers Left at Home

If students leave their Chromebook/charger/case at home, they will first contact home to have someone bring it in. If they cannot be brought in, students will not have Chromebooks/chargers/cases for the day. PESD is not required to provide chargers or Chromebooks to students who have not come prepared. Repeated incidents of leaving Chromebooks/chargers/cases at home may result in disciplinary action.

3.3 Chromebooks/Chargers/Cases Undergoing Repair

Loaner Chromebooks/chargers/cases may be checked out to students if their Chromebooks/chargers/cases are out for repairs. If the required repair was from an act of purposeful negligence, the administration may withhold this privilege. Students using loaner Chromebooks/chargers/cases will be responsible for any damages incurred while in the student's possession.

3.4 Charging your Chromebook

Chromebooks must be brought to school fully charged each day. Students need to charge their Chromebooks each night. **Please note:** when the Chromebook is in sleep mode, entered by closing the cover without powering off, the battery continues to drain. A Chromebook with a closed cover without powering off is not preserving battery usage and may end up with no battery life at the next use.

3.5 Backgrounds

Inappropriate media may not be used as a background, screensaver, or profile photo. The presence of guns, weapons, inappropriate language, pornographic materials, alcohol, drugs, gang-related symbols or pictures may result in disciplinary actions.

3.6 Sound and Music

Sound must be muted at all times unless permission is granted by the teacher for instructional purposes. Headphones may be used at the discretion of the teacher.

3.7 Printing

Printing is only available to students by emailing documents to designated staff.

3.8 Account Access and Passwords

Students will only be able to log in with their school-issued Google accounts. Personal Google Chrome logins will not be allowed access on the Chromebooks. Students should protect their passwords by not sharing them with anyone. **Students/parents/guardians are not allowed to change school-issued passwords.**

(4) Managing and Saving Your Digital Work

4.1 Managing Your Work

The Chromebook is designed for easy access to the Google Apps for Education collection of products. All students have a school-issued Google account, which allows them to use Google Apps that include email (Gmail), sites, calendars, word processing (Docs), presentations (Slides), drawings, spreadsheets, forms, and more. This account is accessible anywhere a wireless internet connection is available. Students are not allowed to change their school-issued passwords for these accounts.

The Chromebook has some space for downloading and saving files from the web. This space is identified as 'Files' in the apps launcher. Files saved here are not synced to Google Drive and need to be transferred there in order to be accessed anywhere other than on that specific Chromebook. Files here can also be lost if the Chromebook stops working.

4.2 Saving Your Work

All work done in the Google Apps for Education products is saved in the cloud. Most apps have automatic saving. Prior to leaving the district or graduating, students wanting to save any files from their Google account will need to be transferred using *Google Takeout* to transfer work to a personal Google account.

4.3 Working Offline

Google Docs, and Gmail can be used offline when there is no wireless connection available. When the Chromebook later connects to a wifi signal, the work created offline syncs with students' work in the cloud. Directions on how to work offline can be found in the Apps folder in the bottom left corner of the Chromebook. *Get Help - Using Your Chromebook Offline'*

(5) Operating System and Software on Chromebooks

5.1 Operating System and Updates

Chromebooks use the Chrome operating system created by Google. Updates to this operating system will occur automatically when the Chromebook is powered off and back on again. If the Chromebook is just in sleep mode, the mode it enters when the cover is closed without powering off, updates will not occur. Users are notified that an update is available with an up arrow that will appear next to the time in the lower right-hand corner of the Chromebook. It is good practice to power down the Chromebook at night, so updates may occur when it is turned back on.

5.2 Virus Protection

Chromebooks have several built-in layers of security to protect from viruses and malware. Keeping the Chrome OS updated should be sufficient for protecting the Chromebook.

5.3 Additional Software

Additional software, such as iTunes and Microsoft Word, cannot be added to the Chromebooks.

(6) Acceptable Use Guidelines

6.1 General

Students will have access to all the available forms of electronic media and communication that are in support of the educational goals and objectives of the Port Edwards School District. Students are responsible for

their ethical and educational use of the technology resources of the Port Edwards School District. Access to these technology resources is a privilege and not a right. Each student and/or parent/guardian will be required to follow all PESD policies. Transmission of any material that is in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- confidential information
- copyrighted material
- threatening or obscene material
- Chromebook viruses

Users will not use the district system or the district-issued Chromebook to access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, receive, transmit, or distribute any of the following:

- Pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions that are harmful to minors. If this type of website is accessed inadvertently, exit the site immediately and inform a staff member of the website so corrective action can be taken.
- Obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language.
- Materials or information that includes language or images that are inappropriate in or disruptive to the education setting or process.
- Materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.

Any attempt to alter data, the configuration of the Chromebook, or the files of another user, without the consent of the individual, building administrator, or technology administrator, will be considered an act of vandalism and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the student handbook and other applicable school policies.

6.2 Privacy and Safety

All district-issued Chromebook equipment, Google accounts, and data storage are the property of Port Edwards School District and are not guaranteed to be private or confidential. Students should have no expectation of privacy. Students are required to use their user ID and password to protect their accounts and are required to keep that password confidential, and are not allowed to change issued passwords.

Students will not do the following:

- Will not use these tools to bully, harass, or threaten other students, staff, and/or any other individuals.
- Will not publish personal information about others or themselves.
- Enter chat rooms or send chain letters without permission. If applicable, teachers may create discussion groups for communication among students for educational purposes.
- Open, use, or change files that do not belong to them.
- Reveal their full name, phone number, home address, social security number, credit card numbers, passwords, or passwords of other people.
- Access websites that contain obscene, pornographic, or otherwise offensive material.
- Bypass or attempt to bypass the District's internet filter.

Understand that violation of any terms outlined here or in the handbook may result in accounts being disabled, Chromebook being revoked, and/or other disciplinary measures being taken in accordance with PESD policies.

Parents/Guardians have the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their child's school accounts and to request the termination of their child's school account. Talk to your children about values and the standards that your children should follow on the use of the internet, just as you do on the use of all media information sources.

6.3 Legal Property

Digital Information and media found online are the property of those who created them. Therefore, students need to follow laws and licenses for using the digital work of others, including the following: • Trademark and copyright laws and all license agreements need to be complied with at all times.

- Plagiarism is a violation of student policy and theft. Give credit to all sources used, whether quoted or summarized. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text.
- Hacking software use or possession is strictly prohibited, and violators will be subject to discipline. Violation of applicable state or federal law, including the Wisconsin Penal Code, Computer Crimes, will result in criminal prosecution or disciplinary action by the District.

Ignorance of these laws and license agreements is not immunity. If unsure if you are about to violate these, check with a teacher.

6.4 Email Electronic Communication

Students' use of email and communication on their school Google account is restricted to sending and receiving communications with other users in our domain. All electronic communication sent and received should be related to educational purposes. Always use appropriate and proper language in your communication. Students should not transmit language/material that may be considered profane, obscene, abusive, or offensive to others. Students should also not send mass emails, chain letters, or spam. Email and electronic Communications are subject to inspection by the school at any time.

6.5 Consequences

The student in whose name a system account and/or Chromebook hardware is issued will be responsible at all times for its appropriate use. Non-compliance with the policies of this document will result in disciplinary action. Electronic mail, network usage, and all stored files shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated district staff to ensure appropriate use. The district cooperates fully with local, state, and federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to violations of computer crime laws. Contents of email and network communication are governed by the Wisconsin Open Records Act; proper authorities will be given access to their content.

6.6 At Home Use

Chromebook care at home is as important as at school; refer to the care section. Chromebooks can be used offline and can connect to home and business wifi. School district-supplied Internet or wifi filtering is built into the Chromebook connections. The school's network filter will continue to monitor student access to websites and apps even on wireless networks outside of school. Do not assume that filtering covers all issues/all sites. Home use should always be monitored by an adult. Home use history will be monitored and logged.

CHROMEBOOK HANDBOOK SUMMARY:

PESD Chromebook users are RESPONSIBLE FOR...

1. Paying for their Chromebooks if it is lost or stolen.
2. Paying for any repair to fix their broken Chromebooks beyond normal wear and tear.
3. Making sure they know where their Chromebooks/chargers/cases are AT ALL TIMES.
4. Storing their Chromebooks properly when they are not in use.
5. Ensuring that their Chromebooks are charged each school day.
6. Not allowing others to use their issued device or charger.
7. Following the teachers' instructions for which sites to access and only using Chromebooks for educational purposes.

PESD Chromebook users...

1. Securely carry their Chromebooks in the closed position.
 2. Keep their Chromebooks safe in every school setting.
 3. Follow the rules of good citizenship by not giving out personal information when on the web.
 4. Do not use the Chromebooks' cameras to take and/or distribute inappropriate or unethical material of themselves or others.
 5. Do not put scratches, stickers, or remove/alter their barcodes and name tags on their Chromebooks in any way.
- If Chromebook users are not responsible, respectful, and/or safe, then consequences will be given. Chromebooks are the property of PESD and are subject to inspection at any time without notice. Consequences include repair costs if necessary. Failure to meet the expectations outlined above may result in parents/guardians being contacted and a meeting time established to discuss these issues.