

## **Kinder HSPVA 2021-2022**

### **ACCEPTABLE USE FOR LAPTOPS AND ELECTRONIC SERVICES**

**Part 1:** Kinder HSPVA Laptop Acceptable Use (including Non-Negotiable Student Laptop Policies & Expectations)

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An HP Elite Book laptop will be loaned to all HSPVA students. To receive a laptop, students must return a signed Student Laptop Loan Agreement (with a parent/guardian signature) along with a \$25 non-refundable security deposit. **HSPVA is committed to HISD's PowerUp initiative, and, therefore, expects all students to receive a laptop.** HSPVA students cannot opt out of the PowerUp initiative.

Students must always comply with the Student Laptop Loan Agreement and the HSPVA Acceptable Use Policy .

#### **1. Kinder HSPVA Laptop Acceptable Use**

Kinder HSPVA recognizes how valuable the appropriate use of technology is to improving teaching and learning. Accordingly, Kinder HSPVA has made a significant commitment to integrating technological advances into the school program to enhance students' learning experiences. Kinder HSPVA provides access to the school's cloud drive (OneDrive) and internet services from every computer connected to the HISD network. Understanding and following HSPVA's Acceptable Use Policy allows us to maintain a respectful, effective, and safe learning environment.

Kinder HSPVA's network resources are considered the property of HISD. Laptop access to Kinder HSPVA's network services will be provided throughout the school via a wireless network. HISD blocks websites and web-based services that the administration deems to pose a threat to the safety, security, academics and well-being of its community members, facilities, network, and resources. Categories that are blocked include: pornography and sexually explicit material, criminal and illegal activities, weapons and extreme violence, computer hacking, spyware and malicious software, certain video streaming sites, and certain social media sites. Kinder HSPVA will continue to take precautions for this type of material on all equipment that is part of the school's network.

Any actions performed or initiated through the network must reflect the integrity and honesty expected of a Kinder HSPVA student, as described in the HISD Code of Conduct. Students will be held responsible for actions initiated on their laptops, regardless of whether they were using their computer at the time of the infraction. Therefore, students may only use the laptop they have been issued.

#### ***Non-Negotiable Student Laptop Policies and Expectations:***

##### **Be Ready**

Bring your fully charged laptop every day.

##### **Be Responsible**

Transport your laptop in its case.

Report lost, stolen or damaged laptops immediately.

##### **Be Respectful**

Use your laptop during class only as instructed.

Remember your "netiquette."

##### **A student must have his/her laptop for class.**

If a student misses class because he/she/they do not have a charged laptop, the student is still responsible for the classwork and assignments missed. It is the student's responsibility to work with the teacher to ensure all work is completed on time.

**A student must transport his/her laptop in the case.**

**A student must come to school with his/her laptop fully charged.**

Students should charge their laptop every night and should bring it to class fully charged. Students can also use supervised common areas (such as the library or hallways) before school, during lunch, or after school for charging on campus. After lunch, students can charge laptops in a classroom if they have expressed teacher permission. Phone/device charging of any kind is not allowed during class time.

**Printing at Kinder HSPVA is limited to designated areas.**

- Students may print at home; or
- Students may print up to five pages from a USB drive, email attachment or Cloud drive on a designated computer in the Library. Additional pages may be printed for \$.10 per page.

**A student must prevent laptop damage.**

Students will face consequences for a broken laptop that requires replacement. If a student's laptop breaks:

- The student will bring the broken laptop to the technology office (room 406).
- If the laptop must be exchanged for a new one, the student must describe how the damage occurred in order to initiate the accidental damage policy to cover the cost of repairs. "I don't know." Is not an acceptable excuse.
- The student will pay \$25 fee for damage to the laptop (broken screen, broken case, missing/broken keys, etc.)
- Students will pay the full replacement cost of the third broken screen in the same school year.

**A student must prevent laptop loss/theft.**

Students should keep their laptops in their hallway locker or on their person.

- There will be a \$10 charge for the return of laptops found unattended anywhere in the building or confiscated for misuse.
- Students should ensure laptops can be monitored by an adult if at an off-campus event.
- Students must complete a **lost or stolen report immediately** after the device goes missing. Failure to meet the deadline for reporting lost/stolen devices may result in fees that range from \$100 to the full replacement cost of the laptop.

**If a student loses their laptop:**

- It must be reported to the Technology Office (Room 406), and the student will be provided with a police report form.
- The student brings the form to the Campus Police Office. (The police report will not be considered filed until it is officially submitted to the campus police office. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the police report is filed.)

***A student will not be penalized for laptops that are stolen due to no wrongdoing and reported in a timely manner!***

At the end of the year, a student must return their laptop, laptop case, shoulder strap, and power charger. If a student does not turn in one of these items, they will be responsible for part of the cost. This fee is due by the last day of school. If missing items are not paid for, then a financial hold will be put on the student's account. 12<sup>th</sup> graders will not be able to clear senior checkout and all other students will not be granted privileges like student parking, etc.

Lost/Stolen Fees:

- Power cord - **\$50**    - Strap - **\$10**
- Case - **\$38**        - Computer - **\$1231\***

*\*Students who file a police report for a stolen computer will not be required to pay the lost fee.*

## **2. Minor and Major Laptop Offenses**

**Minor Offenses:** A minor offense is an action or behavior that violates a rule that has been put in place to maintain the strength, integrity, and sustainability of our technology program. Minor Offenses are equivalent to a Level I or II offense in the HISD Code of Conduct. Examples of consequences are: parent contact, detention, and community service. Students who

demonstrate a pattern of minor offenses will be referred to their assistant principal. Minor offenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Laptop Usage**
  - Forgetting to bring the laptop to school.
  - Using laptops or any other electronic device in a manner that disrupts instruction or violates a teacher's instructions.
  - Using software and services whose use may be deemed inappropriate for the teaching and learning approach of a specific course or subject (e.g., language translation services, literature summary sites, etc.).
- **Laptop Maintenance**
  - Transporting the laptop without the school issued laptop case.
  - Placing stickers directly on the laptop. Residue-free decals are acceptable.
  - Storing paper or other objects anywhere within the main compartment of laptop case.
  - Not addressing needed repairs (e.g., cracked screen, cracked track pad, missing keys, bent corners).
  - Creating secondary accounts for the laptop (e.g., for a friend or parent)
- **Power Management**
  - Practicing poor power management techniques (e.g., coming to school with laptop not fully charged).
  - Charging computer in non-designated outlets or areas. Designated charging areas include the library and outlets around school.
  - Please note: each student is responsible for his or her computer while it is being charged in any of the above locations.
- **Network Access (Minor)**
  - Sending chain emails or inappropriate broadcast messages through the HUB or through any school system.
  - Using the network for commercial purposes. The school will not be responsible for any financial obligations resulting from school-provided laptops, technology, or access to the Internet.
  - Accessing non-HSPVA student wireless network with the laptop while on campus.

**Major Offenses:** A major offense is a serious violation of the standards of the community and poses a threat to the safety and security of the school's network, infrastructure, students, faculty, and greater community. Major offenses are equivalent to a Level III or IV offense in the HISD Code of Conduct. Examples of consequences are: restitution, revoking of laptop privilege, in-school suspension, and off-campus suspension. Major offenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Privacy, Property, & Community**
  - Accessing or deleting the administrative account.
  - Vandalizing the laptop or other network resources (defacing, engraving, coloring, painting, etching, writing on the laptop itself, deliberately removing keys or deforming the original shape of the laptop and its components).
  - Accessing laptops, accounts, and files of others without permission. This includes going on to someone else's computer and accessing any web page or social network without the owner's knowledge or expressed permission.
  - Recording, filming, or photographing teachers or other students without expressed permission to do so. If persons have given permission to record, the student who receives permission is expected to respectfully and responsibly use and manage the recorded material. Publicly posting captured material is not allowed.
  - Using the laptop and its applications or the school network either in or out of school to harass, disparage, or intimidate another person or the school itself.
- **Illegal Activity**
  - Installing or distributing unlicensed or illegal software.
  - Using the network in support of illegal activities or businesses or for gambling.
  - Installation of third party firewalls, anonymizers, or proxies.
  - Installing or using unauthorized 3rd party multi-node file-sharing software (e.g., Torch, BitTorrent, Transmission) on school laptops. iChat, Dropbox, Google Drive, Evernote, & AirDrop do not fall under this category.
  - Modifying operating system other than those installed by our Tech Department.
- **Network Access (Major)**
  - Placing, creating, "liking" or "boosting", or accessing sexually explicit, violent, obscene or unlawful material.
  - Attempting to get around network security or to impair functionality of the network.
  - Attempting to bypass restrictions set by the network administrators.

- Using a computer for distribution of inappropriate or illegal material including text, audio, images, or video.
- Providing billable services to others for the use of your laptop or HISD network resources.
- Intentional damage and/or theft of any laptop.

### **3. Student Laptop Loan Agreement (Covered in original signed Student Laptop Loan Agreement)**

A district laptop will be loaned to the student named below under the following conditions:

- o The student and the student's parent/guardian must sign this laptop loan agreement. The school will keep this agreement on file.
- o The laptop may only be used for educational purposes. Any other use may result in the loss of laptop loan privileges.
- o The laptop may not be used for any inappropriate, unethical, or illegal purposes, to include activities on the Internet, use of email and messaging, and access to digital media and programs. Violations of this policy may result in the loss of laptop loan privileges and/or disciplinary action.
- o The laptop hardware and district-installed software may not be modified in any way. No software can be copied from the laptop, nor can any unapproved software be installed on the laptop. Occasionally teachers may direct students to install authorized software packages from the HISD Software Center.
- o Parents/guardians are required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$25.
- o The student's parent/guardian accepts financial responsibility for any intentional damage to the laptop or damage due to gross negligence. The district may take legal action to recover any unpaid costs of such damage. More information regarding the care of the laptop and instructional materials is in the student manual.
- o The district will provide a padded laptop bag or case to each student. The bag/case will fit inside a backpack. The laptop must always be secured and carried in its case.
- o The laptop is the property of Houston ISD. The laptop must be returned to the student's school prior to the end of each school year, or if the student withdraws from school or changes schools midyear. Laptops not returned as required may be reported to the police as stolen.
- o The student will promptly report to school officials if the laptop is lost, stolen, or damaged.
- o The district provides information to both students and parents/guardians about proper care of the laptop and the responsible use of technology. Students attend a digital citizenship orientation, and parents are invited to open house events with presentations and handouts on these topics.
- o The student and the student's parent/guardian have read Kinder HSPVA Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Services for Students.