

“With anytime-anywhere learning, our students will have the world at their fingertips. We’ll make sure they learn the skills that complement technology, so they aren’t replaced by technology.”

— Dr. Terry B. Grier

### Preparing Students to Succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**PowerUp** is an initiative for the entire district, to help prepare students for the future. These computers will help with critical thinking and communication skills. Students can work with others and have the chance to develop creativity. This is critical for future success, allowing students to connect and communicate with their world.

### Access to Excellent Education for All

Access to technology opens many doors for students. As students access and discover educational content, they learn how it is applied to real-life situations. Students experience how the information influences daily habits and education now fits into the student’s world.

### Students to Design Their Own Learning

1:1 programs put the students at the center of education, where they become producers and evaluators of content. With one device per child, teachers have the tools for personalizing student learning – and that increases interest and participation.

### Internet Safety and Security of Students

To comply with the **Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**, HISD has adopted and implemented an Internet safety policy to address student safety. We educate employees on cyber-bullying, appropriate online behavior, and social networking. The laptops have filters that block inappropriate content both at school or home.

### Requirements:

- \$25 (cash only) non-refundable security deposit fee
- Required parent and student signatures on PowerUp Agreement Form
- Student(s) able to take their laptops home
- Student(s) will be issued a laptop at the beginning of each school year
- Student(s) must return the laptop at the end of each school year
- Report lost or stolen laptop to campus teacher or administrator immediately
- Laptops secured with a LoJack® to locate or disable remotely