



School District of Beloit Mobile Device Guidelines

The School District of Beloit encourages district students to use technology, including all types of mobile devices to improve efficiency and safety. The district expects all students to use such devices in a responsible manner and in accordance with <u>Board of Education Policy 368 - Technology Responsible Use</u>. The use of the devices should not interfere with the student's educational responsibilities. Students who violate district policy or these established guidelines regarding mobile devices may be disciplined, up to and including expulsion, and may be prohibited from possessing or using such devices while in the district.

Definition

Mobile Device – Includes all portable devices. (eg: Chromebooks, Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones, Hotspots, Etc.)

District-Provided Mobile Devices

Student: The district may provide a mobile device to students. The use of a district-provided device is a privilege. Students do not have any expectation of privacy in district-provided devices or any information stored on them which can be confiscated and searched at any time. It is essential that parents help their students to properly care for their devices, including keeping the device clean and ready to use for learning online or in the classroom.

General Use / Responsibility

Students are expected to exercise reasonable care to protect district-provided devices from damage or theft and must report any such incidents immediately. Students are not allowed to write-on or place stickers on devices. The School District of Beloit may require students to reimburse the district for any damage or theft that was the result of the student's negligence.

The School District of Beloit prohibits any student use of a device that interrupts them or someone else from learning. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the device used is owned by the student or provided by the district.

Personal use of a district-provided Chromebook (or similar device) <u>is</u> permissible. The district's data network is available for use while the student is in the district and should be limited to business and educational use.

Acceptance Agreement

Student: Each student that receives a district-provided mobile device agrees to the terms of the Mobile Device Guidelines and will sign the accompanying Mobile Device Acceptable Use Agreement. The completed form will be retained at the school in which your student is enrolled.

Mobile Device (Chromebook/iPad/Laptop/Other) Repairs

The School District of Beloit must preserve the warranty on each device, so necessary repairs must follow vendor requirements.

If the issued mobile device acquires damage:

- 1. The student will report any such damage to their teacher or principal
- 2. The teacher or principal will submit a tech request about the mobile device to the Technology Services Department.
- 3. The Technology Services Department will assess the damage and send it to the appropriate repair center.
- > If negligence of the device is evident, the School District of Beloit will bill the student the actual cost of the repair and shipping (if applicable).

If the device has 30 days or more left on the original warranty, it will be returned to the manufacturer or an approved third-party warranty service provider. If the device is no longer under warranty, a trusted third-party vendor will be used for repairs.

Technology Services cannot provide the exact cost until the equipment is inspected at the approved repair facility. The estimated repair cost can vary, depending on the type of mobile device. Typically, students can expect to pay around \$30 to \$400.

Once the cost is determined, the employee or student will be required to remit payment via cash, check, money order, or credit/debit card to the School District of Beloit as a reimbursement. If payment is not received, the School District of Beloit has the right to revoke mobile device privileges.

The Technology Services Department will attempt to provide a spare device during repair, but cannot guarantee the availability of spare equipment.