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NEW TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FOR SRVUSD
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

This year brings some changes regarding student devices and technology use. **All SRVUSD families are asked to review the Student Device Handbook with their students.**

The Student Device Handbook

A new handbook has been developed to provide information on digital safety, device and screen care, guidelines for responsible use, repair and replacement information, technical assistance, and more. Maintaining school-issued devices is crucial for ensuring students can rely on their technology for learning. This handbook is an essential guide to educate students on best practices, By prioritizing the importance of the concepts in the handbook for our students, SRVUSD can provide a seamless and secure digital learning environment for everyone

Responsible Use Agreements (RUAs)

The student RUAs have been updated to include the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). We expect all families to review these RUAs with their students.

Device Repair/Replacement Fees

New this year, as with textbooks, students/families will be held financially responsible for the repair/replacement cost for **physical damage to a device, or the loss of a device**, whether accidental or purposeful. For any families who encounter a situation where their student's device has been physically damaged or lost, who are concerned about this being a financial burden, they should speak directly with their school Principal.

Chromebooks purchased for instructional use are of the quality that ensures it may be used in an educational setting for the seven-year refresh cycle. The devices someone can purchase elsewhere are not comparable to the ones SRVUSD has for student-use. **All repairs must be completed by SRVUSD**. A fee of $100 will be charged for the first repair and $200 for the second, which is significantly less than the actual cost of most repairs. The fee to replace a device is $400-$500.

Device Insurance

An optional insurance plan can now be purchased through the Annual Update process at a cost of $40 per student for the year. This is being provided as an option for parents/caregivers who want the opportunity to offset the potential costs of accidental damage to their student's device. The plan covers up to two instances of accidental damage or replacement per school year with no copay.

Student Digital Security

SRVUSD prioritizes the safety and security of our students in a digital environment. We use *Securly* to help us strengthen online student safety and to monitor emails and documents for harmful sentiments like grief, self-harm, and bullying. We encourage all families to review important information about Student Digital Security and in the Caregiver Guide to the Digital Classroom.