eLearning

Frequently Asked Questions
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What is eLearning?

➢ eLearning = a laptop for **every** high school student in DCPS.

➢ eLearning meets high school students where they are, integrating their use of technology into the academic classroom.

What model of machine is my student receiving?

Model: **Lenovo x120e** 0611-AC3
Processor: AMD E-350 (dual-core CPU at 1.6GHz)
Webcam: Built-in
Memory: 4096MB PC2-5300 667MHz DDR2
Hard drive: 320GB / 7200 rpm Hard Drive
Display: 11.6in 1366 x 768 LCD display
Graphics: AMD Radeon HD 6310 Graphics
CD and DVD: None
Networking: Broadcom 802.11abgn wireless
Bluetooth: No
Modem: No
Battery: Lithium Ion 6 cell
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 7 Professional

Ports: Two USB 2.0
Headphones/microphone - Mini-phone 3.5 mm
VGA
HDMI-out, RJ-45, 4-in-1 Media Card Reader
Size (w/6 cell battery) 11" x 7.5" x 1.10" , Configured system weight: 3.3 lb.

How much is this going to cost me?

➢ We are asking that every parent pay $100 per year technology fee (<u>included in your high school fees at AHS and DCHS</u>).

➢ Fees are reduced for students who qualify for "F/R Lunch" status.

➢ The district will provide insurance. **It is secondary to your homeowner's insurance, which is in place when the machine is off of school grounds .**

➢ If you have questions or concerns about insurance, contact Matt Robbins, Assistant Superintendent of Finance

matt.robbins@daviess.kyschools.us

What is expected of my child?

➢ To use the laptop daily to complete their schoolwork and research relevant information

➢ To care for it as if they owned it

➢ To abide by the school district's Acceptable Use Policy and the eLearning Acceptable Use Policy

➢ To bring their laptops to school each day with fully charged batteries

Will every student have one?

➢ Yes!

➢ There is no "**Opt Out**" policy.

➢ All students will have the availability of the resource 24/7.

Will every teacher be expected to use it in every class everyday?

➤ No. It is unrealistic to think that teachers will use the resource all the time. Just as they don't choose to use a textbook at all times, the laptops won't be used every minute of the day.

➤ Expect that laptops will be used in some ways in most every class when the teacher judges it to be a valuable resource for the particular unit/lesson.

How will the eLearning instruction compare to traditional instruction?

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- ➢ [Same subject matter](#)

- ➢ [Different tools](#)

- ➢ [Project based](#)

- ➢ [Engaged learning](#)

When will they get the laptops?

➢ Computers are expected to be distributed within the first few days of school.

➢ **Cases will also be provided**.

What kind of training will my child receive?

➢ Teachers will be training your child about:
  - ➢ Laptop operation
  - ➢ Network logins and folders
  - ➢ E-mail
  - ➢ Acceptable use and care of their laptop
  - ➢ Evaluating web site legitimacy and relevancy
  - ➢ Internet safety, copyright and ethics

Will my child still have to carry all of his/her books?

- ➤ Most textbooks will be put on the laptop's hard drive.

- ➤ Not all textbook vendors have been as accommodating as others.

- ➤ **Encourage your child to use the locker and carry only the books that he/she needs for each class**.

What is my responsibility if the laptop is lost or broken?

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➢ **If the laptop is broken, lost or stolen report it immediately.**

➢ If this happens while away from school, you will need to claim it on your homeowner's insurance.

➢ If it is broken during normal use, our Computer Operations Department will repair it.

➢ **The following fees apply:**

eLearning Hardware Damage Restitution

eLearning Hardware Damage Restitution Scale					
Offense	**Deliberate/Missing**	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**
Broken Screen	**Scale**	$ 50.00	$ 100.00	**Scale**	No Laptop *
Damaged Keyboard	**$ 100.00**	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 100.00	No Laptop *
Damaged Power Supply	**$ 49.00**	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 49.00	No Laptop *
Lost Power Supply	**$ 5.00**	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	No Laptop *
Lost Strap	**$ 10.00**	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Damaged or Lost Case	**$ 50.00**	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 50.00
Damaged Optical Drive/ Hard Drive	**$ 140.00**	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 140.00	No Laptop *
Damaged Battery	**$ 100.00**	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 100.00	No Laptop *
Damaged Bezel/Palm Rest	**$ 63.00**	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	No Laptop *

* "No Laptop" means the student's laptop will not be returned.

What do I need to know about caring for a laptop?

➢ **Keep your laptop in the case at all times.** Don't throw the case on the floor, use it as a backrest on the bus, cram it in your locker, etc.

➢ **Protect your power adapters.** Do not "snatch" the cord from a power outlet or from the laptop.

➢ **Be sure to protect your laptop from the weather.** Never leave it in your car for long periods of time. Small changes in temperature can cause big problems down the road.

➢ Do not place materials between the screen and the keyboard when you close the lid.

If I can't afford Internet service, how will my child do their homework?

➢ Most electronic assignments can be put on the computer before your child leaves school and turned in when they return to school. This is a student responsibility.

➢ If your child forgets to download his/her assignments before they leave school, the parking lots at the school will still have access or they can go to the local "hotspots" .

Is there going to be a way to block bad Internet sites on these machines?

➢ Every computer in the district goes through a "filter."

➢ The filter blocks known unacceptable sites.

➢ This filter will be used at all times (even at home).

What should my child know when using Internet at home?

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➢ **For their safety, they should**:

  ➢ **Never give out personal information!**

   ➢ Name, address, phone, age, friends, school, when parents will be home, etc.

  ➢ Never arrange a face-to-face meeting

  ➢ Never open emails from unknown sources

  ➢ Never share passwords

  ➢ Never use bad language or send threatening email

Who do I call at the school if I have a question about DCPS eLearning?

➢ Call the **eLearning Coordinator** who may then direct you to the appropriate person to answer your questions**.**

➢ **Apollo High School- Catherine Shelton**
➢ **Daviess County High School- Jennifer Higdon**

What if my child has problems after school hours; how can they get help?

➢ Phone support is available after school hours at 316-6644:

Monday - Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 1:00pm to 10:00pm

How will the laptop connect to the Internet at home?

➢ If you have a cable modem or DSL, there is an Ethernet port.

➢ If you have a wireless router, the laptop should connect easily to your home network.

Do I need a printer at home? Will the laptop work with the one I have?

➢ The goal of this project is to be as paperless as possible.

➢ If you have a USB printer at home, your eLearning machine will probably work with it.

➢ Students will be printing on a limited basis and printers will be available at school when printing is approved by their teacher.

These machines are wireless. How can I make them wireless at home?

➤ If you have high-speed Internet access and you want your laptop to be on the Internet without wires, you will need to purchase a **wireless router**.

➤ This allows your existing computer and the laptop to share your Internet access.

➤ A wireless router can be bought at most stores that sell computer equipment.

➤ Your child or one of his/her friends can probably install it.

My student is getting e-mail at school. What do I need to know about this?

WHAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S E-MAIL ACCOUNT

➢ This account is being provided to you for educational purposes. The content of your mail is the property of the Daviess County Public Schools.

➢ To participate in your school's project, you must use the Daviess County Public Schools' e-mail account.

➢ The Daviess County Public School authorities will monitor the contents of your correspondence if necessary. Your e-mail is saved to a central location even though you may have deleted it.

➢ E-mail containing obscene, defamatory, threatening, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, racially offensive, or illegal material is not allowed and is a violation of your school's discipline policy. If you should receive any material of this nature, notify your teacher immediately.

What every student should know about e-mail (continued)…

➢ **Never give your e-mail password to another person**. If you do, YOU are taking responsibility for their actions.

➢ Never e-mail anyone you don't know unless instructed to do so by your teacher.

➢ Chain e-mails (example: forwarding e-mails that request you send this message to all of your friends and you'll get good luck) are forbidden and will result in the revocation of your account.

➢ Never open e-mails from people you don't know- delete them!

➢ The Daviess County Public Schools wishes to keep you safe from any threatening or offending correspondence.

➢ Please report any such incidences to your teacher immediately.

Can I e-mail my child at school?

➢ Yes, when they receive their laptop, they will be issued an e-mail address something like

firstname.lastname@stu.daviess.kyschools.us

How do I e-mail my child's teacher?

Most of our teachers' addresses are:

firstname.lastname@daviess.kyschools.us

Example:

fred.jones@daviess.kyschools.us

Refer to your high school's website for a staff listing.

Can you recommend resources to help learn more about computers and internet safety?

- ➢ DCPS Laptop Intro Statement

- ➢ DCPS Basic Computer Skills

- ➢ Technology Tutorials

- ➢ Teach Parents Tech

- ➢ On Guard Online

- ➢ Safe Internet Surfing

I'd like to learn more about computers. Is there a parent training session?

➢ Yes! Save the Date!

➢ **Monday, August 22** at the **DCPS Learning Center**

➢ 6:30-8:00 pm

What kind of training will my child's teacher receive?

➢ Teachers have received many days of technology training during the last 7 years.

➢ Additional training this year will focus on new instructional software programs as well as new ways to enhance management and efficiency.

➢ There is a **Technology Integration Specialist** (split between AHS and DCHS) that helps teachers use technology in their curriculum. Staff Developers, one full time at each high school, also assist with technology implementation.

What software resources will the students have at home?

➢ Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer

➢ Online references that include encyclopedias and the full text of magazines

➢ Graphing calculator

➢ Multimedia tools

➢ Most textbooks and teacher recommended websites

Where can I learn more about this project?

➢ Contact your school's eLearning administrator

➢ Visit www.dcps.org

➢ Questions not answered by school-level personnel may be directed to:

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