

BCSC Digital Learning- FAQs

Why is digital learning important at BCSC?

Digital learning and teaching tools provide all of our students immediate access to information anytime and anywhere they are connected. Through the UDL framework, every student can access high quality and demanding content for every subject. This makes the most of their opportunity for success in school and beyond.

What BCSC digital learning tools support the UDL framework?

itslearning is an online learning management system (LMS) used at BCSC to plan and deliver educational material to students. Parents can use itslearning to follow student's classes and assignments.

Google Drive is a cloud based instructional tool that allows students and teachers to work together. They can create documents, spreadsheets, images, presentations, websites, and more.

What kind of device will my child use?

BCSC will assign a device to each student in grade 1 - 12 depending on the grade level. Children in grades 1-8 will use a Chromebook. Children in grades 9-12 will use a Windows laptop. The device will follow the student throughout their enrollment at BCSC.

Kindergarteners will share one iPad for every three students and have a shared set of Chromebooks per building.

Will the device be used every day?

The expectation is that students will be prepared for class with a charged and ready-to-use device every day. We ask that students come prepared with traditional supplies such as pencils and paper- a device is no different.

Students who are allowed to take a device home are responsible for bringing the charged device, case, and power adapter to school every day. Students who do not arrive prepared with a charged device are not properly prepared for class.

Can a student "opt out" of the 1:1 initiative?

All students will need the device to be a successful and prepared in our schools. Students may not opt out of the program.

Will the district provide home Internet access?

No. The 1:1 program provides Internet access in BCSC school buildings only. Students may connect district-issued devices to home networks or public Wi-Fi provided they seek parental approval. Students who do not have Internet access may want to consider one of the following:

-Comcast's Internet Essentials program provides broadband Internet for less than \$10 a month. Details are available at <http://www.internetessentials.com> or via Comcast at 1-855-846-8376.

-AT&T Access provides access for as low as \$5 a month. <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#/> or call 1-855-220-5211

-FCC Lifeline access for as low as \$9.25 a month. <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/lifeline-support-affordable-communications> or call 1-888-641-8722.

How are students protected from inappropriate content?

BCSC complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). BCSC maintains a content filter and firewall for all Internet-ready computers and equipment. The devices will have all Internet traffic monitored and filtered by the district regardless of where the device is being used (inside the district or out). Misuse of the device and/or technology including removal or interfering with the filtering settings will result in strict consequences determined by the district's Code of Student Conduct.

Keep in mind that no blocking technology is 100%. The best filter continues to be a parent or guardian. We encourage you to talk with your child and be aware of his or her online activities and behaviors.

What resources are available to teach students about being safe online?

BCSC uses digital citizenship content from Common Sense Media (www.common Sense Media.com). Students, teachers, parents, and administration have access to research and tools to help teach students about how to behave safely and appropriately online.

Can the student use the device for personal use?

Yes. We want this device to be the device the student wants to use for all their technological needs. Students are prohibited from using the device for anything that is illegal, violates any federal, state, or local laws, or violates any school district policies.

Who is responsible for loss, theft, or damage of a student's device?

Students and parents will be held financially accountable for damage or loss of the device both on and off school grounds. The replacement cost of a Chromebook is \$200. The replacement cost of a laptop is \$500 for students who attend Columbus East and Columbus North. The cost of a laptop for students who attend CSA - New Tech is \$800.

Students will be responsible for the care, security and safety of the devices. Devices are to be carried in a student's backpack or case to and from all classes and secured in lockers when not in use. Teachers will work with students on responsible use and safekeeping of their device.

Students are required to report a lost, stolen, or damaged device to their teacher as soon as possible, but no later than the next school day.

Loss and theft will be the responsibility of the student and parent. In cases of theft, students and parents must report the theft to the police and provide a police report of incident.

Will BCSC provide support, maintenance, and repair of devices?

BCSC provides technology support and maintenance on all school issued student devices. Under no circumstances should you or anyone else take the device to a third party for repair or assistance.

Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine if they can be repaired. The parent/student is responsible for all repairs to district issued devices. Accidental repairs will be limited to 20% of the cost of the device for the first repair, 40% for the second repair and 60% for the third repair.

Parents/students will be accountable for repair/replacement costs due to damage above and beyond normal wear and tear. **Deliberate or intentional** damage will be charged at the full cost of repair. . Accidental damage will be charged at a reduced rate depending on the number of previous repairs.

A loaner or new device will be issued as needed while a device is being repaired.

Please note that there is no way for the district to activate the cameras remotely. Only the user of the device can operate it.

What if a student moves or transfers during the school year?

Devices will be issued at the beginning of the school year or when a student enrolls during the year. Students will turn in their device at the end of the school year or when withdrawing from BCSC or transferring to another BCSC school.

Devices will follow the student throughout their enrollment in BCSC.

Where can I find out more about Digital Learning at BCSC?

You can find the answers to these and many more questions on our BCSC website at www.bcsc.k12.in.us. Classroom and educational questions should be directed to your child's teacher and/or building leader.

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