

1:1 Laptop FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

- 1. How can the school district afford a 1:1 computer system?**
The school district will use the penny sales tax monies to fund this initiative. This money can only be used legally for infrastructure and equipment needs. It cannot be used to fund teacher salaries or for general fund expenditures.
- 2. Will there be an introduction or training session to help parents better understand how the computers will be used in the classrooms?**
Yes there will be training in August or early fall.
- 3. How many other schools in Iowa have implemented the 1:1 laptop program?**
More than fifteen schools have implemented the 1:1 laptop program. There are more than 30 schools expected to implement a 1:1 initiative by next year.
- 4. How much training have the teachers received on the 1:1 laptops?**
Teachers have been using the laptops that were provided to them one year ago and have been using them in the classroom already. They have received training on how to incorporate technology into their classrooms during professional development this past school year. During the next school year, teachers will receive additional training in regard to incorporating technology into their content areas.
- 5. What will be the expense to parents?**
Just like a textbook fee, there will be a minimal computer fee. It is expected to be under \$50.
- 6. Will the computer have software that blocks inappropriate content from the internet?**
Yes, while a filter will be installed, the students remain responsible for inappropriate use of their laptops.
- 7. Will students be required to take laptops home?**
No, families will have the choice of having the students check their laptop in and out with their Advisor each day.
- 8. When a computer is misused, what type of consequences will the students face?**
Students will be expected to obey the Computer Use Policy. Students who violate these rules will be subject to disciplinary action and parents will be notified. Consequences will follow the computer use policy. This will be posted the website in the future.
- 9. How will these 1:1 computer laptops prepare students for the future?**

The 1:1 program supports the Iowa Core Curriculum and the 21st Century Skills contained within it. In today's digital and technological world, our students will have an advantage with the added accessibility that a laptop provides.

10. If a child has a laptop, can it be used to save the school money?

No, due to software licensing and management issues, only school issued laptops will be allowed to access our network.