

EASTON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL LAPTOP USE / PROTECTION PLAN 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

The use of technology is essential to the success of our students' education. For this reason, Easton Jr./Sr. High School provides computers, a network and access to the Internet for all students. Students in grades seven to 12 are issued laptops for use in accordance with Easton Jr./Sr. High School's Student Computer and Internet Use Policy and Rules (Codes IJNDB and IJNDB-R). Students are responsible for complying with the terms of this policy and the accompanying rules at all times. The policy/rules may be accessed here: <http://eastonschools.org/techmenu/192-saupart> . Parents may also request a paper copy of the policy and rules by request to the school office.

Proper Care of Laptops

Students are responsible for the proper care of the laptop issued to them at all times, on or off school property. The following rules must be followed:

- * Laptops will not be stored in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- * Laptops will not be left out in areas of dampness and extreme temperature (i.e., in a vehicle in the winter or on a hot summer day).
- * Laptops will be stored and transported in zipped cases at all times.
- * Laptop cases are to be used to store the laptop and cords only.
- * Laptops should be stored in the case with the screen facing away from the charger and the CDROM toward the bottom of the case.
- * **Laptops will be kept in the owner's possession, locked in their lockers or placed in their assigned charging stations.**
- * Laptops will be brought to school with batteries already charged.
- * While using your laptop, all drinks should be in sealed containers and placed on a different surface than the laptop.
- * You are responsible for all actions involving your laptop. Do not let anyone else other than your parents/guardians use it.

Proper Use of Laptops

- **GAMES** - You may not use the MacBooks to play non-educational games.

- **PRIVACY** - There is no expectation of privacy while using school computers, all activity will be monitored.
- **SETTINGS** - Do not change icons, wallpaper or any other graphical portion of the interface.
- **DOWNLOADS** – Do not download or install without pre-approval from the Technology Coordinator.
- **INTERNET** - Use Internet access to enhance learning
- Chatting and playing games, etc. for entertainment purposes is against our district's acceptable use policy. Inappropriate use of the Internet will result in disciplinary action.
- The school's Internet filter does not function off of our network. An Internet filter should be used at home to prevent access to inappropriate content. If you would like advice or a list of available options please email or call our technology coordinator.

Laptop Warranty

The Maine Learning Technology Initiative Project (MLTI) provides a warranty that covers all manufacturing defects in student laptops. This warranty does not cover accidental damage, loss, theft, or intentional or negligent damage to laptops.

Laptop Protection Plan Available for Purchase

Easton SR High Take Home Plan

Easton SR High School is offering a Laptop Protection Plan for parents/guardians that covers accidental damage at a nominal cost. If you choose not to participate in the Laptop Protection Plan, parents/guardians will be responsible for the full cost of repairs or replacement of the laptop if it is damaged. These costs can be substantial. Please see the following examples for insurance costs and repair/replacement costs.

The Laptop Protection Plan does not cover intentional or negligent damage, loss or theft of the laptop, or failure to follow the laptop care rules listed above. The Laptop Protection Plan also does not cover any costs associated with investigating violations of Easton JR/SR High School's policies/rules which involve the laptop or school computers. The school administration shall determine whether damage to a laptop is considered accidental, intentional or negligent. If you have questions about the Laptop Protection Plan, please contact the front office 488-7702.

Examples of Costs to Replace or Repair Uninsured Laptops

Replacement of laptop \$900

Damaged logic board \$850

Broken LCD due to accident \$375

Broken plastics (top or bottom case, keyboard or hinges) \$250

Damaged hard disk \$250

Damaged DVD drive \$225

Lost or damaged battery \$120

Lost or damaged charger and cord \$73

Note: Depending on the nature of the repair(s), several of the above costs could be incurred, resulting in a higher overall bill.

Remember: Intentional or negligent damage is not covered by the Laptop Protection Plan.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM TO ENROLL IN EASTON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL'S LAPTOP PROTECTION PLAN.

EASTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TAKE HOME PROTECTION PLAN

I/We will be allowing our child to bring home their assigned MLTI MacBook laptop computer and I/We elect to participate in the school protection plan. I understand that I am responsible for a \$30.00 deductible if this laptop is damaged. I also understand that this plan only covers loss due to unintentional damage.

Child's name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Option:

_____ One Payment of \$40.00

_____ Two payments of \$20.00 (first due before the computer may be taken home, the second payment due on or before January 16)

_____ I qualify for a reduced rate of \$30.00 (My child is eligible for the reduced lunch rate.)

_____ I qualify for a reduced rate of \$20.00 (My child is eligible for free lunch rate.)

_____ I qualify for a \$10 discount/per child for multiple children

Please Note: In the event of financial hardship prohibiting participation in the protection plan, please contact Kim Hall at 488-7700 for details on how you may still obtain this protection plan.

Non-Participation in MLTI take home program

_____ I do not wish for my child to participate in the take home program. My child will keep his/her assigned MacBook at school.

Child's name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____