

Frequently Asked Questions about 1:1 Technology Initiative From MSD Wabash County

1. **Will every student have a device?** Students in grades K-2 will have iPads and students in grades 3-12 will have Mac laptops. (Laptops will be taken home daily; iPads will stay at school for now.)
2. **Will my student have the same device each year?** They will have the same device until they reach a grade level in which the device changes from iPad to laptop. All 7th graders will get different devices too rather than their laptop moving building to building.
3. **Who is paying for the computers?** Parents will pay part of the cost through textbook rental fees. The initial cost is being financed through debt service and will cause there to be a 13.5 cent increase in taxes per \$100.00.
4. **Why should our taxes have to increase? Didn't you just raise taxes to pay for roofs on the high schools and remodeling Metro North?** Yes, taxes increased for those projects. We have been a historically low-taxing district and have now low-taxed ourselves into a corner. Roofs and bathrooms need to be upgraded. Our technology is behind. Someone paid for us to have these buildings built. Someone paid for us to buy buses. We need to pay it forward for our students so that they will be well educated and have a good paying job to be able to maintain our schools for the next generation.
5. **Will we have insurance on the device?** Yes. Parents will pay a minimal fee for insurance, and there will be a minimal deductible charge.
6. **If my child's computer is broken will he/she have another one to use?** Yes. However, if the damage was intentional, the device may be a less costly model until their own has been repaired.
7. **Will my student have access to their curriculum if we do not have Internet access in our home?** Yes. Students will be allowed to download books and articles while at school for use at home.
8. **Will the district have schools open after hours in case my student wants to use the wireless to do homework?** We are considering this option and may have specific buildings open and supervised.
9. **Will students still use books?** Yes. You will still see students reading books.
10. **Can my student get to bad sites on the Internet?** The school's Internet filters will keep students from accessing bad sites, but as always, parents will need to be vigilant. There will be students who know how to get around these filters and we will work on consequences as necessary.

**We are looking forward to giving your child the best educational experience.
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