

Uwharrie Charter Academy
ES Chromebook Usage and Internet Policy

In alignment with the school’s mission of helping our students develop 21st century skills, Uwharrie Charter Academy is excited to offer a Chromebook to each of our students to enhance their academic experiences. Internet access has been established for a limited educational purpose that shall be consistent with Uwharrie Charter Academy’s curriculum and the state standards. The phrase “educational purpose” includes academic activities, career development, and approved high-quality activities.

All students and parents/guardians must sign a copy of this policy and return it to Uwharrie Charter Academy prior to being issued a Chromebook.

Terms and Conditions

- Students in grades K-5 will be given a school email address that will be monitored by the technology department and school administration.
- The use of the Chromebook and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges.
- Under no circumstances should a student provide passwords to other students or allow anyone to use their login and password.
- Students are not authorized to load any software on the Chromebook.
- Students are restricted from using obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, threatening, or disrespectful language while using the school’s computers.
- Students who engage in cyberbullying will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Students are not allowed to plagiarize works found on the Internet. Copy and pasting work from the Internet into your work is a form of plagiarizing.
- Students are restricted from changing the set-ups of the Chromebooks and removing or adding programs to any of the school’s devices.
- Students are responsible to report any problems they see with the computers immediately to the IT Department. A repair fee is \$30, Charger replacement is \$30, and a device replacement is \$220.
- There is no food or beverage allowed around devices.
- Students are not allowed to bypass filtering devices.
- All electronic devices issued to students by Uwharrie Charter Academy remain the property of Uwharrie Charter Academy and must be returned at the end of the academic year, upon withdrawal from Uwharrie Charter Academy, or at the request of a teacher or administrator. Willful failure to return the device in accordance with the stated conditions will result in criminal prosecution.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring use when students are not at school.

Failure to comply with these terms and conditions can result in the suspension of the student’s computer use and/or other disciplinary action. Please sign that you have read and understand the Chromebook Usage and Internet Policy and that you have discussed it with your child.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

I _____ (Student Name) have read and understand the above policy and agree to follow all the rules as stated. I understand if I do not follow these policies, I will have to face the consequences explained to me.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

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- Never have food or drinks near the tablet.
- Cords, cable, and removable storage devices must be inserted carefully.
- Do not carry the Chromebook by the screen. The computer should be fully closed and stored before transferring it to another location.
- Chromebook should be shut down or placed in sleep mode before moving between classes to conserve battery life.
- Do not deface the Chromebook with any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels.
- The Chrome Book should be fully charged prior to the school day. Bring the charger to school daily.
- Students must take all precautions to prevent theft. Never leave the device unattended or in the passenger area of a car.
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Taking Care of a Chromebook

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