



2010-2011 ECCHS Netbook Agreement

Student Name (Please Print): _____ **Grade:** _____

The Title IID eTextbook initiative is designed to prepare students for their future, a world of digital technology, global information, and instant communication. Increasing access to technology is essential for that future and netbooks, within a wireless learning environment, help students to learn in deep and meaningful ways that prepare them for productive participation in a global economy. With the assignment of netbooks to access the resources of the world also comes the need to identify responsibilities and establish policies, rules, and regulations that will govern the use of the equipment.

The Elbert County School District maintains the legal title to all netbook computers and associated hardware and software. The netbook computer, charger, and carrying case are being lent to the student borrower named above for educational purposes only during the academic school year. Students are assigned netbooks in the same manner in which a textbook is issued. This means that the serial number will be recorded and students and parents/guardians will sign for the equipment before it's issued. The student to whom a netbook is issued is solely responsible for what happens to it. The netbook is intended to be used for educational purposes, in accordance with the District's policies and rules.

District Responsibilities

- Provide students with a netbook computer to use during the academic year. Students will return the computer at the end of a school year and will be reissued the same netbook the following year.
- Provide students wireless, digital access to academic content and resources at school.
- Encourage students to utilize the Internet and District electronic resources in order to promote educational excellence in our schools by providing students with opportunities to develop the resource sharing, innovation, and communication skills and tools that are essential to both life and work.
- Implement the use of a Technology Protection Measure that will limit, to the extent practicable, (e.g. filter or block) access to visual displays/depictions that are obscene, materials that are harmful to minors as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act, and other material considered inappropriate for students to access. When students access the internet off campus they will connect through the school's server and all content will be subject to the school system's filter.

Student Responsibilities

The netbook computer is an important learning tool and is to be used for educational purposes only. In order to take the netbook home each day, the student must be willing to accept the following responsibilities.

- When using my netbook computer at home, at school, and anywhere else, I will follow the policies of the Elbert County School District and abide by all local, state, and federal laws.
- I will treat my netbook with care by not dropping it, getting it wet, leaving it outdoors, or using it with food or drink nearby. I will always carry it in the netbook carrying case in the proper manner.
- I will recharge the netbook battery each night.
- I will bring my netbook to school each day.
- I agree not to place any unauthorized decorations (stickers, markers, etc) on my netbook.
- I understand that my netbook is the property of the District. All accounts, programs, and files are subject to inspection at any time without notice.
- I will not lend my netbook to anyone, not even my friends or family; it will stay in my possession at all times.
- I will keep all accounts and passwords assigned to me secure and will not share these with any other students.
- I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
- I will not load any software onto the netbook that is not in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school system.
- I agree that email (or any other computer communication) should be used only for appropriate, legitimate, and responsible communication. I will not use my netbook to access online chat rooms and social networking sites such as myspace.com or facebook.com.

- I agree not to share personal information about myself (e.g. full name, address, or other personal information) and about my family, friends, or anyone else.
- I agree not to search for, display, download, or distribute vulgar, offensive material or images as described in applicable District policies (e.g. Acceptable Use, Internet Use, Rights and Responsibilities of Students).
- I will talk with my parent or guardian about their expectations and ground rules for going online when not at school.
- I agree to abide by school rules that will identify netbook procedures when I am not in an academic class (e.g. cafeteria, assemblies, after school activities/events).
- I will return the netbook computer when requested and upon my withdrawal from school.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The student named above is being issued a netbook computer to improve and personalize his/her education this year. It is essential that the following guidelines be followed to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of this computer. In order for the student named above to take the netbook home each day, the parent/guardian must be willing to accept the following responsibilities:

- I will review materials provided by the school to ensure that I understand the school's responsibility, the student's responsibility, and my responsibility. We will discuss, at home, acceptable and non-acceptable uses of the netbook according to District policies.
- I understand that the School District has made all reasonable attempts to provide a safe computing environment for students within the District's network. I also understand that the District cannot control student access to internet content when students are not within the District's network. Students using their District assigned netbook are responsible and accountable for appropriate use of the internet regardless of where they are, or when internet access occurs.
- I will supervise the use of the netbook at home; making sure that it is used and stored appropriately.
- I will not load, delete programs, or attempt to repair the netbook.
- I will monitor that the netbook battery is being recharged each night.
- I understand that we are responsible for all damage or loss that is caused by neglect or abuse. Students whose netbooks have been lost, stolen or damaged will be charged a maintenance fee of \$200 to cover any cost for labor or supplies not provided for in the grant. Students will be placed on the owed fees list and follow the same protocol as for other owed fees. Students will not be issued another netbook until this charge is resolved. However, a checkout policy will be in place that will allow the student to have access to this technology at school.
- I agree to report to the principal/principal's designee any instance of a damaged, lost or stolen netbook within 48 hours of the event. If the incidence occurs on the weekend or school holiday, a report must be filed within 48 hours of returning to school. Theft of the netbook requires a police report, regardless of the location of the theft. If a netbook is reported stolen and then recovered, the principal and the reporting agency must be notified immediately to close the police report. If an insurance claim is made through Student Insurance Partners, **the school is responsible for submitting the claim forms and other required documentation.** You are still responsible for obtaining the police report. **Also, you agree the insurance company will pay the school directly.** You will be responsible for any monies deducted from the check.
- I agree to make sure that the netbook computer is returned to the school when requested and upon withdrawal from school. If the netbook is not returned in a timely manner, the ECSD shall be entitled to declare you in default, and can take steps to regain the netbook.

Student Name (Please Print)

Parent Name (Please Print)

The use and possession of the netbook terminates no later than the last day of the school year, unless earlier terminated by the Elbert County School District, or upon withdrawal of school. As the parent/guardian, my signature indicates I have read, understand and will abide by this Netbook agreement.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____