



DURAND AREA SCHOOLS

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Here is the proposed agreement for the 2026-27 school year. I've highlighted this year's changes in yellow.

TECHNOLOGY DEVICES, SOFTWARE, AND NETWORKS AGREEMENT

Before any student may take advantage of the school's computer network and the internet, s/he and his/her parents must sign an agreement which defines the conditions under which the student may participate. Failure to abide by all of the terms of the agreement may lead to termination of the student's computer account and possible disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct or referral to law enforcement authorities. Copies of the School District's *Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy* and the requisite student and parent agreement is agreed to when signing the handbook form. See Board Policy 7540.03 <http://www.neola.com/durand-mi/>

Ownership & Care

- District technology includes, but is not limited to, computer equipment, software, printers, the network, the Internet, television, videocassette recorders, and printers.
- Devices, accessories, peripherals, software, and all related components are the property of Durand Area Schools (DAS).
- Students will be loaned a DAS-owned device for educational purposes only.
- The device loaned to the student is in good working order. Students and their families agree to always take responsibility to ensure proper care and a safe environment for the equipment and ensure the return of the device in the same good condition.
- High students are expected to take their assigned device home. **Middle School students will not have individually assigned devices.** Elementary student assigned devices will remain in the classroom.
- Elementary students may check out a loaner device from the main office should they need to work from home. Middle school students may check out a loaner device from the media center should they need to work from home.
- The privilege of any student to bring home a device may be suspended or revoked due to misuse, misbehavior, or outstanding fees.
- The student/family is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of DAS property, whether intentional or unintentional, just as with textbooks or other school materials loaned to students. Accidental Damage Insurance is available to lessen costs due to accidents, not loss or neglect.
- Students should not decorate the device with stickers, writing, or other markings.
- Students must return all equipment to DAS upon request, at the end of the school year, or on their last day of attendance if they withdraw from DAS.
- Unauthorized tampering, use, or lack of proper care violates this agreement.
- Durand Area Schools does not warrant the functions of district technology. The district does not warrant that the system will meet any specific requirements the user may have, or that it will be error free or uninterrupted. The district will not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages including lost data, information, or time sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.



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Operating Systems and Software

- Students should not alter or download/upload apps/content onto DAS-owned devices.
- DAS may remove data from the device at any time.
- Students should not download, install, or copy programs or system files onto the computer or copy or delete system or program files off of the network or individual computers.
- Using their Google Workspace for Education accounts, students may access and use the following "Core Services" offered by Google (described at https://edu.google.com/intl/ALL_us/workspace-for-education/editions/overview/):
 - Assignments, Calendar, Classroom, Cloud Search, Drive and Docs, Gmail, Google Chat, Google Chrome Sync, Google Meet, Google Vault, Groups for Business, Keep, Migrate, Sites, Tasks
- Using their Google Workspace for Education accounts, students as part of the educational process may access and use the following "Additional Services" offered by Google (described at <https://support.google.com/a/answer/6356441>)
 - Applied Digital Skills, CS First, Google Arts & Culture, Google Bookmarks, Google Books, Google Earth, Google Maps, Google News, Google Photos, Google Takeout, YouTube
- Google provides information about the information it collects, as well as how it uses and discloses the information it collects from Google Workspace for Education accounts in its Google Workspace for Education Privacy Notice. You can read that notice online at https://workspace.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html You should review this information in its entirety.
- Durand Area Schools staff will inform you of the sites your student(s) use their Google Workspace for Education accounts to access, allowing you to review and discuss your concerns about the site's privacy practices.
 - The following third-party apps may use the students Google Workspace for Education account at the district level:
 - Accelerated Reader, Bluebook, Clever, Discovery Education, DRC Insight Online Assessment, Edgenuity, Grammarly: AI Writing Assistant and Grammar Checker, HMH Ed, Kami for Google Chrome, Khan Academy, Kahoot! Play & Create Quizzes, LanSchool Air, LockDown Browser: AP Classroom Edition, McGraw Hill, Mobility Print, NetSweeper, NWEA Secure Testing, PowerSchool, Prodigy Math: Kids Game, Read&Write for Google Chrome, Rocket Math Online Tutor, Securly Aware, Securly Filter, Sphero Edu, Voice In – Speech-To-Text Dictation, WIN Learning LockDown Browser, YouTube Kids, Zoom

Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

- The use of district technology is intended for educational purposes only, as defined by Durand Area Schools.
- The use of technology is a privilege and not a right. Those abusing the privilege may lose it regardless of the impact that such a decision would have on one's grade.
- Students should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in any files sent, received, or stored on district media. Durand Area Schools may, at any time, review the subject, content, and appropriateness of any and all electronic data stored or transmitted over its network.
- The recreational use of technological equipment by students is strictly prohibited. Recreational use includes, but is not limited to, playing games and streaming movies.



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- Students are prohibited from entering chat rooms and using email or instant messaging services unless they have received permission from their teacher to do so and such use promotes the educational goals of Durand Area Schools.
- Students will not access, create, or pass along material that is unlawful, indecent, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise objectionable.
- Students are only to use technology as instructed and as intended.
- Students are responsible for the correct use and care of the technological equipment they are assigned to use. Students are not to use technological equipment that they have not been properly trained on.
- Prior to use, students must inspect whatever technological equipment they work on and immediately report any damage or vandalism to equipment or furniture to their teacher or adult supervisor. Failure to comply with this rule may result in being held responsible for damage not inflicted by the student him or herself.
- If when working on technological equipment, something breaks or fails to work properly, the student must report the breakage or error to his or her teacher immediately.
- There is absolutely no eating or drinking (even water) around technological equipment.
- Students may only log onto computers under their login name, and they must log off the machine when they are done using it. Students may not use another student's login to log onto a computer. The only exception to this rule is when a staff member logs the student on under a generic user account.
- Students may not share their computer passwords with anybody. They must follow reasonable safeguards in creating passwords and safeguarding them. Students will be held responsible for any wrongdoing committed under their user login.
- Students will not "explore," access, alter, or in any way tamper with system, security, network, or program files. Such activity is considered "hacking" by Durand Area Schools.
- Students may only use the network to access their "home" or otherwise specifically assigned shared directories. Any attempt to access other directories, files or folders will be considered "hacking" by Durand Area Schools.
- Even though Durand Area Schools Internet connection is filtered, there is no guarantee that Internet users will not encounter objectionable material while working on the Internet. If this ever happens, users are to immediately leave the Internet site and then report the incident to a teacher, administrator, or other responsible adult.
- Users may not use Durand Area Schools' technology for personal or private business, for product advertisement or political lobbying, or for making any financial commitments on the Internet.
- Students will use their Google Workspace for Education accounts to sign into their devices, complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills.
- Users are prohibited from the malicious use of technology. Students may not use technology to disrupt the use of technology by others, to harass, to discriminate against, to defame, or otherwise embarrass others.

Damage:

- Students/families are responsible for damage to DAS-owned devices, whether intentional or unintentional.
- Damage includes but is not limited to:



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- Apps - altered, missing, or downloaded.
- Broken Screens - Cracked, lines in the screen, dim (hard to read), flickering or blurry.
- Broken Keyboard/Touchpad – Missing/broken keys or unusable touchpad o Broken System Issues - Camera, Chrome OS, power, sound, WIFI, internal settings o Damage/Vandalism - cracked covers, broken hinges, graffiti, missing pieces, stickers, or other substances o Water damage
- Student damage liability also extends to accessories and peripherals issued with the device, including power cords, and keyboards.
- Students/families are not responsible for the normal wear of the device due to daily use. The DAS Technology Department shall determine "normal wear" versus "damage due to lack of proper use or care."
- The student/family must promptly report the issue to the student's school office or media center. The DAS Technology Department will assess and repair the damage. Do not attempt
- to repair the damage, or you may incur additional costs.

Damage Repair:

- DAS determines if the damage claim was accidental or intentional.
- The DAS Technology Department will assess the damage and oversee its repair in-house or with a vendor of their choosing.
- Costs for repairs will be the student/family's responsibility.

Loss:

- Under no circumstances should a device be left in an unsupervised area.
- Teachers are not responsible for students leaving their devices unsupervised in classrooms.
- Students/families are responsible for lost or stolen devices.
- Loss liability also extends to accessories and peripherals issued with the device, including power cords, cases, and keyboards.
- Contact the student's school office promptly, but no later than seven school days after discovering the device was misplaced so DAS can lock the device to prevent unauthorized use.
- File a police report no later than 14 calendar days after reporting the device loss, then bring the report to the student's school office. DAS may aid the police in recovering the device.

Loss Replacement:

- Accidental Damage Insurance shall NOT apply to lost or stolen devices, accessories, or peripherals.
- DAS will issue the student a loaner device after reporting it lost or stolen.
- The loaner must remain at the school until receipt of payment for all assessed fees or an established payment plan is approved.
- The student will be responsible for checking out the device at the beginning of each day and returning it to the designated location at the end of the school day.
- Each school year, between July 1st and April 30th, DAS will wait 28 days before assessing the lost or stolen device fees. After April 30th, fees will be assessed immediately without the waiting period.

Accidental Damage Insurance:

- OPTIONAL Accidental Damage Insurance is available for High School and Elementary students. Students/families are not required to purchase it.



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- Accidental damage includes liquid spills, accidental drops, power surges, and natural disasters.
- The Accidental Damage Insurance shall NOT apply to intentional damage, misuse, abuse, neglect, theft, or loss of the device or any accessories and peripherals issued with the device.
- **The cost of Accidental Damage Insurance is \$20 per device annually.**
- The Accidental Damage Insurance fee is non-refundable.
- **The Accidental Damage Insurance must be purchased by September 28th of each school year or two weeks after your student(s) enroll at DAS and is only available for District-owned property. No Accidental Damage Insurance shall be purchased after these dates.**
- If Accidental Damage Insurance fees are unpaid by the purchase dates specified above, the device will be considered to have NO Accidental Damage coverage.

Fees:

- The Accidental Damage Insurance shall NOT apply to intentional damage, misuse, abuse, neglect, theft, or loss of the device or any accessories and peripherals issued with the device.
- Students who do not return their device and any issued accessories and peripherals will be assessed fees for the total replacement value of the device, accessories, and peripherals.
- DAS will assess intentionally damaged devices fees up to \$429 for repairing or replacing the device, depending on the severity of the damage.

Fee Schedules:

With Accidental Damage Insurance

- Claim #1: \$0
- Claim #2: Up to the total value replacement cost of the device

NO Accidental Damage Insurance, Intentional Damage, Misuse, Abuse, Neglect, Theft, or Loss

- DAS will assess fees for each item's replacement cost if the student has NOT purchased Accidental Damage Insurance.
- Fees will vary based on the device type. Also, prices may change at any time due to parts availability.

Fee Catalog	
Bottom Cover	\$15
Charger Replacement	\$15
Chromebook Replacement	\$429
Cleaning Fee for Removing Stickers, Adhesives, Markers, Nail Polish, etc.	\$10 per instance
Daughter Board – USB Ports	\$10
Display Enclosure w/o Screen	\$20
Keyboard	\$20
Screen	\$25

Students violating the acceptable use policy will face disciplinary action up to and including Retraining
Detention
Referral to the principal Suspension



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Loss of computer (or other technological equipment) privileges Removal from technology classrooms

Reimbursement to Durand Area Schools for costs incurred because of vandalism or carelessness

Referral to the appropriate law enforcement authorities

Students may also fail technology courses they are enrolled in because of losing computer privileges.

There is no obligation or expectation that a technology teacher will create alternative lessons or assessments for students who have had their technology privileges pulled.