Summer Use FAQs
Lawrence Public Schools Technology Services

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How could my student use the device over the summer?

Students may use their device to keep academic skills sharp over the summer. A few resources include:

7th & 8th grade

**Math:**
- Prodigy
- Hooda
- Catchup

**ELA:**
- MakeBeliefs Comic Maker
- Storybird Writing Tool
High School

Math:
Khan Academy

ELA:
ReadWriteThink (9th/10th grade)
ReadWriteThink (11th/12th grade)
Newsela

A range of classes, including STEM, Health and Wellness, and History are available through EverFi. Class descriptions and class codes are available here.

CodeAcademy offers free, online coding classes.

School libraries can be accessed at books.usd497.org

Public Library Options - *require Library Card and PIN
Overdrive- E-books
Kanopy - Classic cinema
Flipster- Digital Magazines
Lynda.com
Kansas State Library

How does summer continuous use work?

Some students who have a 1-1 device through their middle school or high school may take their device home to use over the summer. Students entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall can take their iPads home and students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade can take their MacBooks home. Incoming 9th graders will check in their iPads at end of school year and seniors must check in their MacBook before graduating. If you would like to review the Lawrence Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy you can find it here. The Responsible Use Guidelines can be found here.

To participate:

- Parents must complete the Continuous Use Opt-In Form Linked here
Is there anything I need to do before taking the device home for summer?

Technology Services strongly recommends that all students back up their data/documents to the cloud - i.e. Google Drive, before they leave for summer.

If I don’t turn in my form before the end of the semester may I turn it in and pick up my device later?

No. You can not pick up your device over the summer.

What if I need tech support over the summer?

If you need tech support over the summer (frayed cables, forgot your passcode, can’t access internet, etc.) bring the device to Technology Services on the second floor of the Educational Support Center (ESC) at 110 McDonald Dr. Technology Services is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday over the summer. There is a bus stop at the ESC, you can find bus routes here. If you can’t make it to the district office, please call the Help Desk to schedule an appointment at your student’s school.

You may contact the Technology Services Help Desk at 330-HELP (4357) 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If you need help outside of those hours you may also contact AppleCare at 1-800-692-7753.

What if my power cord is lost or my device is damaged?

If you lose the power cord or your device has damages, you should bring your device to Technology Services at the ESC. Damage fees will be assessed according to the Board of Education fee schedule. BOE Fee Schedule

What if my student’s device is lost or stolen over the summer?
In the event that your student’s device is lost or stolen over the summer please call the Help Desk at (785) 330-HELP (4357). **IMMEDIATELY**

**What if I don’t have WiFi at my house?**

During the school year, if you don’t have WiFi at your house you may talk to your school’s library about checking out a Kajeet wireless hotspot. During summer break, Kajeets are unavailable. You may find a list of locations in Lawrence that offer free WiFi [here](#).

**May I install a printer at home?**

No. Students are not able to install printers. Lawrence Public Library offers printing at a cost. Use this [link](#) to access.

**What if my student won’t return to Lawrence Public Schools in the fall?**

Students who will not return to the Lawrence Public Schools in the fall will check in their device at the end the school year. If your student takes a device home over the summer and your family decides not to return to the district, bring your student’s device to the ESC (110 McDonald Dr.).

**What if my student will attend a different school in Lawrence Public Schools in the fall?**

Students who know they will not return to the same school in the fall, should contact the Library Media Specialist to checkout their device to them for summer use. In the fall, the student should contact the Library Media Specialist at the “new” school they will attend to transfer their device to the new school.

**What if my device is currently damaged or needs a new power adapter?**

If your device has any damage or needs a new power cable, visit your school’s building technician in the Media Center as soon as possible and before the end of the school year.

**Who may I talk to if I have more questions?**
Please email Ceri Goulter: Cmgoulte@usd497.org

You can also contact the office at your child’s school.

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