



Pen Argyl Area School District

Learning to Learn Financial Statement

The Pen Argyl Area School District **Learning to Learn Initiative** provides students/families/guardians the opportunity to borrow a district-owned Chromebook for use during and after school hours.

The goal of this program is to provide increased access to learning opportunities for all Pen Argyl Area School District students. Through the Learning to Learn program we hope to provide students the opportunity to collaborate, communicate and create both in and outside of the classroom environment through the use of technology. To that end, students are strongly encouraged to take their device home. Some of the benefits are outlined below:

Take Home	Leave in school
Access to homework, notes, study guides and textbooks using the same device 24/7	Student must use alternative home device if available
Chromebook is always available	Chromebook available in school only
No check-in/check out	Daily check in/out in a shared classroom cart
Case issued for Chromebook protections	Student responsible for Chromebook protection

Students in grades 4-12 will have two options:

1. Pay to take the device home
 - a. Students grades 6-12 pay the \$20.00 technology fee and take the Chromebook home.
 - b. Students grades 4 and 5 will be able to take their device home in November at a discounted rate of \$15.00.
 - c. All students who pay to take their device home will be issued a carry case
2. Keep the Chromebook in school and check it in and out each day

If the student qualifies for free and reduced lunch, the technology fee will be waived

Chromebooks are used throughout the day for note taking, research, collaboration, and online textbooks. We strongly encourage all students to bring their Chromebooks home as an extension of the school day.

The chart below outlines and compares the technology fees for Chromebooks that are taken home vs those that are left in school. Paying the technology fee, which allows your child to take a Chromebook home, significantly reduces the cost of repairs as outlined in this chart. If a Chromebook is damaged multiple times by the same student, the district reserves the right to charge the full cost of repair or replacement and the student may lose the privilege of having the Chromebook for the remainder of that school year.

Technology Fee Structure

	Take home	Leave in school
Technology Fee	20.00 Free for free and reduced lunch	no fee
Broken Screen	20.00 1st time 40.00 subsequent times	40.00
Lost or Broken Charger	15.00	30.00
Replace Keyboard	25.00	50.00
Lost/stolen/damaged beyond repair	Full replacement cost	Full replacement cost

Financial Obligations

Damage that occurs to district-owned equipment due to student negligence will result in financial responsibility on the part of the student. Such damages will include but may not be limited to:

- o Damage caused as a result of horseplay in the vicinity of the Chromebook.
- o Damage caused by the spilling of liquid on the netbook
- o Damage caused by closing the LCD monitor on an object
- o Damage caused by storing items in the carrying case
- o Damage caused by excessive heat
- o Missing Chromebook due to loss or theft

Please note: Damage to Chromebooks occurs infrequently, however, it has been observed that the possibility for damage occurs most frequently from carrying the Chromebook in the backpack. It is in your best interest to keep your Chromebook separate from your backpack.

If the student and parent have opted not to take the Chromebook home and the student fails to check it in at the end of the day, the \$20.00 fee will become an obligation payable to the Pen Argyl Area School District.

Payment

The technology fee for the 2019-20 school year may be paid in the first week of school for take home September 10th. You may also pay throughout the year at any time if you find that you would like your child to begin taking it home.

- If you choose to pay by check, it should be made out to the **Pen Argyl Area School District**.
- **Please add Technology fee in the memo line.**
- If your check is returned for insufficient funds, you will be assessed a return check fee of \$20.00. If your check is returned, the Chromebook will be kept at school until the \$20.00 is paid in cash.

I have read and understand the Pen Argyl Area School District Learning to Learn Financial Statement and choose to have a Chromebook for my student to take home.

Student name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Payment option:

Payment of \$20.00 is attached. (cash, check, money order) Payable to Pen Argyl Area School District

Request exemption due to free and reduced lunch status

We are not interested in taking home a Chromebook at this time. I understand that my child will be issued a Chromebook to use throughout the school day for the 2019/20 year and will be financially responsible for damages incurred as outlined in the **Technology Fee Structure chart**. Furthermore; I understand since we have opted not to take the Chromebook home, if my child fails to check it in at the end of the day, the \$20.00 fee will become an obligation payable to the Pen Argyl Area School District.