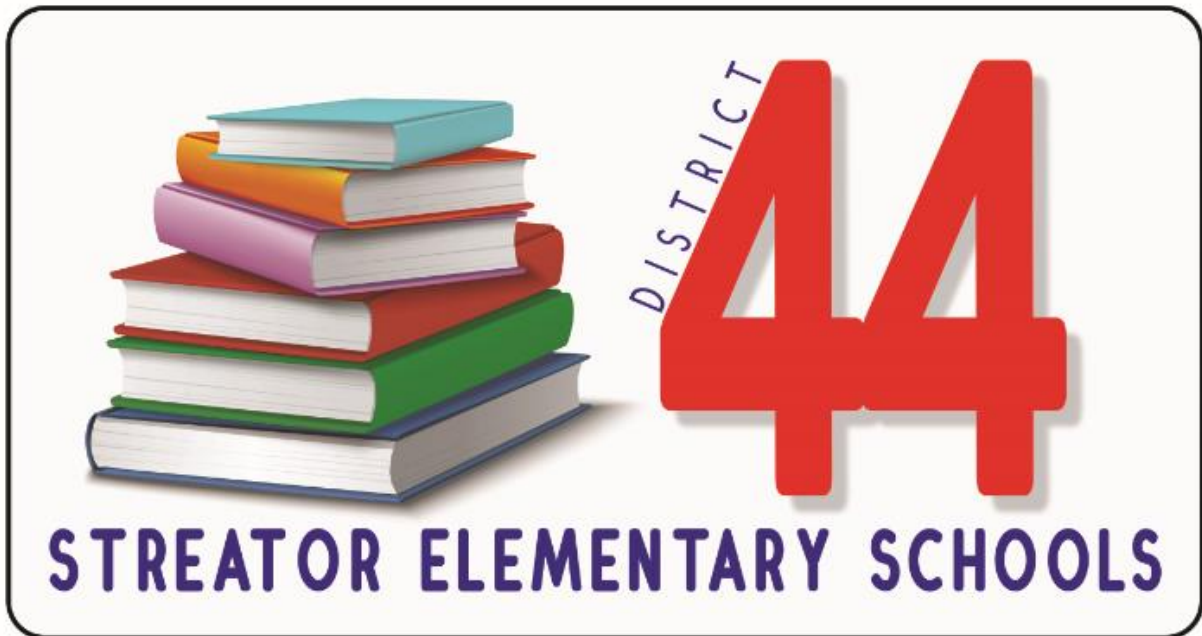


# **STREATOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #44**

## **CHROMEBOOK HANDBOOK**

The guidelines, procedures and information within this document apply to all Chromebooks issued by District 44 for students, staff, or guests.



# CHROMEBOOK HANDBOOK

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As part of its commitment to integrating technology into the curriculum and providing remote learning opportunities, the Streator Elementary School District #44 has purchased Chromebooks and their related accessories for students' individual use. Each student in grades 2-8 will be loaned a Chromebook for the upcoming school year. For a student to be loaned a Chromebook, you and your child must read and sign the attached Acknowledgement during school registration. This Handbook is valid for the 2020-2021 school year. A new Handbook will be provided, and a new Acknowledgement must be signed and returned when a student is loaned a Chromebook for the following year.

Students in Grades 2-8 will be loaned a Chromebook for use at school and at home and must bring it to school every day school is in session, just like a textbook. Access to the technology resources of the District is a privilege and not an entitlement or right, and you and your child are responsible for the appropriate care, handling, and use of the Chromebook as outlined in this Handbook.

Students in grade 8 will have the opportunity to purchase their chromebook at the completion of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students will be assigned the same chromebook each year, unless the District has replaced it with a new purchase during a regular rotation of chromebooks.

If the District changes this Handbook at any time during the school year, the District will notify you of the change(s).

## A. Using the Chromebook

- 1. Acceptable Use of Chromebook.** Your child's use of the Chromebook, whether at home or at school, is to be for educational purposes consistent with the curricular goals of the District and with Board of Education policies. Your child may not use (or allow others to use) the Chromebook loaned to him/her in a way that violates the Board's policy on acceptable use of its electronic network (Board [Policy 6:235](#), *Access to the Electronic Network*). By using the Chromebook, you and your child agree to abide by Board Policies [6:235](#), *Access to the District's Electronic Network*; [7:20](#), *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; [7:180](#), *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; [7:190](#), *Student Behavior*; as well as all other applicable policies and their corresponding administrative procedures and the guidelines in this Handbook. Violation of any of these policies, administrative procedures, or guidelines could result in your child's loss of the privilege of using the Chromebook; discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion; and referral to law enforcement.
- 2. Using the Chromebook.** All students are provided a District account, including a username and password. Students must use that account when logging on to the Chromebook.

- a. **Using the Chromebook at School.** Unless otherwise instructed, the Chromebook is intended for use at school. If your child is permitted to use the Chromebook at home, he/she is responsible for bringing it to school every day, fully charged. The District is not responsible for providing your child a loaner Chromebook in the event he/she forgets the Chromebook.
  - b. **Using the Chromebook Outside the District.** In the event your child uses the Chromebook at home or elsewhere outside the District, he/she is bound by the same policies, procedures, and guidelines as at school.
    - i. **Parent Responsibility for Supervision Outside the District.** The District's filters will run on your child's Chromebook outside of school. However, the District is not responsible for supervising students' use of the Chromebook and Internet activity outside of school. While your child is using the Chromebook assigned to him/her outside of school, you agree to be solely responsible for supervising the use of the device, including Internet access. You may choose to limit such use.
    - ii. **Technical Support Outside the District.** The District cannot guarantee the Chromebook will function outside the District at the same level as inside the District. Configuration of any home network connection is your responsibility and not the responsibility of the District. Any configuration applied to the Chromebook that impairs its performance in school may be removed by District staff.
3. **Email Accounts.** All students are issued a District email address through Google's Gmail service. Students will be able to send and receive emails.

Every email sent and received from a District email account, whether at home or school, is archived and property of the Streator School District. The District makes every attempt to block objectionable material, however, if your child receives an inappropriate email, your child should report it immediately to an adult and forward it to the District technology department.

4. **Accessories.** The District will provide a mandatory carrying case necessary for use of the Chromebook. The decision whether to purchase additional accessories (such as a wireless mouse, extra charger, keyboard, stylus, etc.) for the device rests with you and your child. As with any personal property brought to school, the District reserves the right to disallow the use of any accessory and is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property. In addition, the District cannot and does not guarantee that an accessory purchased at one point in time will be compatible with devices provided in the future.
5. **Caring for the Chromebook.** The Chromebook assigned to your child remains the property of the District and must be maintained appropriately. In addition to the

manufacturer's instructions included with the Chromebook, if any, your child must care for the Chromebook as follows:

- a. Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the device's screen; do not use cleansers of any type.
- b. Insert and remove cords and cables carefully to prevent damage to connectors.
- c. Do not write or draw on, apply stickers or labels to, or otherwise mark up or deface the Chromebook.
- d. Handle the device carefully. Screens can crack not only when dropped, but also when twisted or subjected to pressure from stepping or leaning on them. Do not stack other objects (books, binders, etc.) on top of the Chromebook.
- e. Do not leave the Chromebook in places of extreme temperature, humidity, or limited ventilation (e.g., in a car) for an extended period.
- f. Keep food and beverages away from the Chromebook.
- g. Make sure the Chromebook is secure when it is out of your child's sight. Do not leave it in an unlocked locker, a desk, or other location where someone might take it.
- h. Your child's Chromebook will have a service tag/asset tag to identify it. Write this number down so you can identify the Chromebook.

## B. Responsibilities of Students and Parents

1. **Returning of the Chromebook.** The Chromebook is the property of the District for the full year the Chromebook is loaned to the student.
  - a. For all 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Chromebooks and any related accessories must be returned to the District by the last day of the current school year.
  - b. If your child withdraws from the District during the school year, you must return the Chromebook and any related accessories before your child's last day of attendance. The Chromebook and accessories must be returned in operable condition, with all parts intact. If your child fails to return the Chromebook and any related accessories, the District may, in addition to seeking reimbursement from you and file a report with local law enforcement.

## C. Chromebook Data and Software

1. **Managing Your Files and Saving Your Work.** Work done on a Chromebook is typically saved to Internet-based storage space (i.e., the "cloud"). It is your child's

responsibility to make sure his/her work is not lost due to a failure or loss of the Chromebook.

2. **Personal Content on the Chromebook.** Your child should be aware that any content (including, but not limited to, documents, music or audio files, and photographs) stored on the Chromebook potentially could be subject to access by third parties pursuant to law or subject to discovery in a legal proceeding. In addition, personal content may be deleted during routine maintenance and/or troubleshooting. It is your child's responsibility to backup all personal content stored on the Chromebook, if any.
3. **Chromebook Data as District Records.** Data saved to the Chromebook or to the cloud via the Chromebook are not maintained by the District as public records or as student records. In the event data stored on a Chromebook or stored in the cloud via a Chromebook needs to be maintained by the District for any reason, the District will take affirmative steps to preserve it.
4. **District-Required Software.** The District will provide any software/apps required to use the Chromebook for school purposes. This software may not be removed. The District may update, add, or remove software at any time for any reason, without prior notice.
5. **Prohibited "Jailbreaking."** "Jailbreaking" is the act of replacing the manufacturer's operating system with custom software, allowing the user to circumvent the manufacturer's security and licensing restrictions. The act of jailbreaking or otherwise disrupting the configuration of the Chromebook voids the manufacturer's warranty and is a violation of this Handbook. Removal of any District-installed configuration is prohibited and will be considered a violation of this Handbook.
6. **Personal Software.** Your child is not permitted to install additional software or apps on the Chromebook.
7. **Compliance with Copyrights.** In using the Chromebook, your child must follow the Board [Policy 5:170](#), *Copyright*, governing use of copyrighted material and applicable copyright law.
8. **No Expectation of Privacy.** There is no expectation of privacy for any communication made using the Chromebook or for any content created, accessed, or stored on the Chromebook. The District reserves the right to inspect the Chromebook and its contents at any time and for any reason.

#### D. **Repair of, Loss of, or Damage to Chromebook**

1. **Technical Support & Chromebook Loaners.** During the school year, if your child's Chromebook is not functioning properly, students should alert his/her teacher. If necessary, a technical support employee of the District will assess the

Chromebook and attempt to correct any problems with it. In all grades, students will be issued a loaner device, if available, while this student’s Chromebook is being repaired. The loaner Chromebook should be treated the same as the student’s device as set forth in this Handbook. Students who receive a Chromebook on loan during this time, may not take the Chromebook home that was loaned to them. These Chromebooks are for school use only.

**2. Loss of or Damage to Chromebook.** If your child’s Chromebook is lost or damaged, you or your child must report it immediately to your teacher. If you believe your child’s Chromebook requires repair, you must submit a helpdesk ticket to [helpdesk@ses44.net](mailto:helpdesk@ses44.net) for tech support. You and your child are responsible for cooperating with the District in the recovery, repair, or replacement of your child’s Chromebook.

**3. Responsibility for Lost or Damaged Chromebook.** In the event your child’s Chromebook is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for replacement or repairs as follows:

- a. If the District determines that the damage is the result of an equipment failure covered by a warranty, the warranty will apply with no further action required.
- b. You may purchase chromebook insurance for \$35.00 per year for chromebook damage and if the damage is the result of a student’s negligence or intentional destruction, you will be required to pay in full for the repair or replacement of the equipment according to the District’s chart below:

Annual Premium Due Before Receiving Device	Type of Incident	No Deductible Claim #1	Deductible Claim #2	Deductible Claim #3
\$35 per device	Repairable Damage or Replaceable Part	\$0	\$30	\$60
	Total Loss	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00

- c. If your student loses the chromebook, you will be assessed a \$250.00 automatic fee with or without insurance.

## E. Consequences of Misuse

Students will be responsible for accounts and/or computer hardware issued to them. Non-compliance with the policies of the *Chromebook Policy Handbook* or the *District 44 Acceptable Use Policy* will result in disciplinary action as outlined by the discipline code and/or other school policies for the user.

Electronic mail, network usage, and all stored files shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by the network administrator or other school administrators to ensure appropriate use. The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to violations of computer crime laws.

## F. Waiver and Indemnification

- 1. Waiver of Chromebook-Related Claims.** By signing the “Chromebook Acknowledgement” below, you acknowledge that you and your child have read, understand, and agree to follow all guidelines and policies outlined or referenced in this Handbook and agree to be bound by this Handbook. You also agree and represent that the Chromebook (including any related accessories) was delivered in good working order and that it must be returned to the District in good working order consistent with this Handbook. By signing this Handbook, you waive any and all claims you or your child (and each of your respective heirs, successors, and assigns) may have against Streator Elementary School District #44, its Board of Education, and its individual Board members, officers, employees, and agents relating to, connected with, or arising from the use of the Chromebook or this Handbook.
- 2. Indemnification for Chromebook-Related Claims.** To the fullest extent allowed by law, you agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Streator Elementary School District #44, its Board of Education, and its individual Board members, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, causes of action, and the like relating to, connected with, or arising from the use of any District Chromebook issued to your child.

# CHROMEBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT CHROMEBOOK HANDBOOK.** I am the parent/guardian of the student listed above, and I acknowledge that I received, read, and understand the *Chromebook Handbook* ("Handbook"), including its waiver and indemnification provisions. Further, I understand that:

- My child is responsible for bringing the Chromebook issued to him/her to school every day, fully charged, and for taking care of and effectively use the Chromebook. (Grades 2-8)
- My child's failure to care for the Chromebook or his/her improper use of the Chromebook may subject him/her to disciplinary action, loss of the privilege of using the Chromebook, and referral to law enforcement.
- I am responsible for monitoring and supervising my child's use of the Chromebook, including its access to the Internet, outside of school.
- I am financially responsible for any damage to or loss of the Chromebook assigned to my child, as explained in the Handbook.
- I am responsible for ensuring my child's compliance with the terms of the Handbook.
- I acknowledge that I am the parent/guardian of the student, I have the authority to complete and execute this document, and the information contained in this document is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STUDENT CHROMEBOOK HANDBOOK.** I agree that I have received, read, and understand the *Chromebook Handbook* ("Handbook"). I understand that:

- I need to bring the Chromebook to school every day, fully charged. (Grades 2-8)
- I need to take care of the Chromebook and use it properly.
- If I do not care for the Chromebook or I use it improperly, I may not be allowed to use the Chromebook any more, may be disciplined at school, and may be referred to law enforcement officials in serious cases.
- I am responsible for using the Chromebook and the Internet appropriately, both at school and outside of school.
- My parents and I will have to pay for any damage to my Chromebook or to replace my Chromebook if it is lost, as explained in the Handbook.
- I will follow all the directions in the Handbook.

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Student's Name

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Student's Signature

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Date