

8th Grade Parent/Guardian
BHS 1-1 Laptop Program Information

Program Goal: To increase student engagement and achievement in a 21st century teaching and learning environment.

Program Objectives:

- Partner with parents to provide a valuable learning tool for your students.
- Create a sustainable model for keeping BHS up to date with technology.
- Provide options for students who choose not to participate (this is not required).
- Offer financial assistance to families in need.

Program Overview:

- School district implementing a financial acquisition program with Apple.
- Parents/students pay a fee to participate in the program.
- Financial assistance will be available (see other side for more information).
- Loaner laptops available for non-participants.

The Program Fee will include:

- MacBook Laptop
- Academic Software
- Software Updates
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Warranty
- Tech Support @ BHS

Program Costs (final cost will be determined by early June)

- Program will cost approximately \$300 - \$400 each year for 4 years.
- How payment will breakdown each year:

Payment 1: April 1st: Pay \$150 - \$200 (1/2 of yearly)
Payment 2: October 1st: Pay \$150 - \$200 (1/2 of yearly)
- After 4 years students can purchase their laptop for \$1 plus sales tax.

Student Use of Laptop

- Use 24/7 in school, at home, or wherever.
- Can install their own applications but must abide by BHS Acceptable Use Policy when in school.
- BHS Tech Support is for academic programs only.

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Common Questions and Answers:

What if...

Q. You leave BHS before 4 years?

A. You have the option to buy the laptop by paying the remaining balance on the principal of the lease, plus sales tax or return the laptop, charger and case to the school in very good working condition.

Q. You need financial assistance?

A. Financial aid forms will be available at the district business office, BHS Tech Center, and the BHS 1-1 Laptop Initiative website. (www.BHSONline.org). You need to provide supporting documentation with your application and reapply each year. Applications are due April - June 2021. If you have any questions about the scholarship process please call Bobbe Aikens at 978-921-6100 X 21726

Q. What if I miss the registration deadline in June?

A. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to lease a laptop for the upcoming school year.

Q. You want to use or purchase your own laptop?

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- You should consider that, thus far, BHS program prices have been lower than retail prices and the lease program includes all software, insurance and a 4th year warranty. Retail stores do not offer these benefits.
- Laptop must meet minimum specifications to work @BHS e.g. Macbook with specified OS, RAM and storage
- You will need to purchase any district licensed educational software needed, e.g. you could spend between \$30 and \$400 for some software packages.
- You will need to purchase insurance if desired, school is not liable.

Q. You don't want to participate?

A. There will be loaner laptops available for class use only for students who do not have their own laptop.

Next Steps:

- Directions on how to register for a laptop will be distributed in 8th grade homerooms in **April, 2021**.
- Completed Registration Form and First Payment due no later than **Friday, June 18, 2021**.

For More Information:

- www.beverlyschools.org Scroll down to Quick Links section
- Click Laptop Program
- Click Registration Materials (*The documentation for the class of 2025 will be posted April 2021*)
- Call the BHS Tech Center at 978-921-6132 X11171
- Email: Dylan Terry, BHS IT Technician at dterry@beverlyschools.org.