

Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Warwick's Tech Warrior (1:1) program started in the Fall of 2020, equitably providing technology for all Warwick students. Over the past few years, we have navigated a changing landscape. We reevaluated what has worked well with our program and made some changes to best support our instruction here at Warwick.

These plans will begin starting the 2025-2026 school year, and if you have children at multiple grade levels, the procedures are slightly different. If you are in this situation, read all correspondence carefully, looking for differences.

As a general rule, devices are to stay in school. Students will not have the choice to take a device home. However, teachers may allow devices to go home at their discretion and for a specific purpose. When brought home, the students would only have access to a **restricted** list of educational resources - those available to students on a FID day. YouTube, Google searching, shopping, and many other websites and distractions would be blocked in the evening. We recognize that YouTube can be a valuable educational tool during the school day, but it can be a distraction during unsupervised times. To support digital media balance and minimize distractions at home, it will be accessible on school networks for instructional use but blocked on student devices during evenings and weekends. This approach helps ensure that students stay focused on learning while also encouraging healthy screen time habits.

We will no longer collect the Tech Warrior fee or require permission for students to take devices home. Instead, guardians will have the option to purchase a device protection plan as a form of self-insurance. This Warwick-funded optional plan covers the first incident of damage each school year. [Here are details about that plan.](#) Our pricing is slightly below the county average, with annual costs set at \$10 for iPads and \$25 for MacBooks. Guardians will have the opportunity to enroll in the protection plan during the first four weeks of the school year or upon enrollment in the district. Opting into this plan can significantly reduce or even eliminate out-of-pocket costs for device repairs.

If a guardian chooses not to purchase coverage under the protection plan, they will be fully responsible for all repair or replacement costs in the event the device or its accessories are damaged. Additionally, guardians are responsible for any damages that occur more than once within a school year, regardless of plan coverage. Please note that with or without the protection plan, guardians are fully responsible for any lost or missing items.

At the start of the school year, we kindly ask teachers and guardians to help reinforce proper care of student devices. Students should be reminded not to carry or hold their computers by the screen and to avoid placing any objects between the screen and keyboard when closing the device. Additionally, food and drinks should always be kept away from electronics. These simple precautions help prevent the most common types of damage.

All information related to our Tech Warrior program can be found on our Tech Warrior website, www.warwicksd.org/techwarrior. This includes information on how our Tech Warrior program appears at different grade levels, as well as the forms for the optional protection plan. Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting technology use in our district.