LET'S GET DIGITAL!

QUICK GUIDE TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S 2020-21
VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCS
Excellence since 1867

SCS is expanding learning possibilities by providing 95,000 students with a personal device to support virtual instruction in 2020-21. The digital device plan aligns with our commitment to student equity and 21st century learning to prepare students for college and careers.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Families are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of their SCS device(s), as outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook.
- Families are responsible for the reasonable cost of repair or replacement of lost, stolen or damaged devices.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

We will be teaching students about the responsible use of computers and the Internet, focusing on protecting themselves, protecting others and protecting content:

- Basic online safety, protecting accounts & device care
- Safe practices for social sites, sharing appropriate content & protecting personal info
- Treating others with respect & behaving ethically online
- Effective use of online content & avoiding plagiarism

DEVICE SAFETY & SECURITY

Devices will have pre-installed features to ensure the security of content and safe use for students:

- Software to locate/lock devices & delete files when necessary
- Content filtering software to block harmful content online
- Antivirus protection software to prevent malicious viruses

INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access is necessary for live virtual instruction and to access various web-based learning platforms at home. Families who meet specific criteria will receive an SCS Internet hotspot:

- Student qualifies as Direct Certified / Economically Disadvantaged
- Student is in grades 1-12
- Student has not already accessed SCS online resources

GET FACTS, RESOURCES & MORE:
SCSK12.ORG/ACCESSFORALL

QUESTIONS

WHO OWNS THE DEVICE?
The device is owned by SCS.

IS THERE A COST?
There is no fee for families in 2020-21. The only potential costs would be due to device damage or if the device is lost.

WILL STUDENTS BE TRAINED TO USE THE DEVICE?
Yes. Students will receive continuous training, materials and video instruction on the responsible use of digital devices and platforms, online safety and Digital Citizenship tailored by grade level.

IF I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN SCS HOTSPOT, HOW CAN I GET HOME INTERNET ACCESS?
You can find several low-cost home internet options at scsk12.org/accessforall.

WILL DIGITAL LEARNING REPLACE TEACHER INSTRUCTION?
No. Students will continue to receive live daily teacher-led instruction. The devices will expand and enhance learning opportunities and outcomes.

SUPPORT

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