LET'S GET DIGITAL!

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

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS
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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

**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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