

HCPSS Student Mobile Hotspot Technology Duties and Obligations

In alignment with Howard County Board of Education Policy 8080, Responsible Use of Technology

(<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/8000/8080-responsible-use-technology-social-media/implementation>) students who are assigned portable technology devices, including hotspots, must adhere to provisions outlined in the policy and HCPSS Mobile Technology Duties and Obligations notice below.

Hotspot Functions:

The hotspot devices provide filtered internet connectivity.

Content Filtering:

In order to comply with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and HCPSS Board of Education Policy 8080, Responsible Use of Technology (<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/8000/8080-responsible-use-technology-social-media/>), HCPSS attempts to filter abusive, libelous, obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, sexually explicit, pornographic, illegal, or other inappropriate material that is harmful to minors. Users must not attempt to modify the hotspot in an attempt to impair filtering functionality.

Additionally, all sites used for instruction are evaluated by staff for appropriateness. Families should note that while HCPSS hotspots are configured to filter the sites students may visit, they should still discuss the importance of being safe, responsible, and respectful online, and monitor their student's online activities.

Responsible Use:

Users are responsible for securing and safeguarding data stored on the HCPSS technology. When using HCPSS technology, this means that students should continue to use only approved HCPSS digital tools (<http://www.hcpss.org/digital-tools/>) and follow each tool's specific guidelines for using student accounts. If students choose to use digital tools or access online services that are not part of HCPSS's approved list, HCPSS cannot be responsible for any data privacy or security concerns that may arise.

Student/Parent Agreement:

We agree to use the device in accordance with *all* provisions of HCPSS Board of Education Policy 8080, Responsible Use of Technology

(<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/8000/8080-responsible-use-technology-social-media/>) as it currently exists and as updated or modified.

We agree to report any objectionable content to a teacher and/or administrator.

We understand that HCPSS has the ability to monitor HCPSS device usage to ensure compliance with HCPSS policies. We understand that, because of HCPSS's need to monitor HCPSS devices, we have a limited expectation of data privacy while using HCPSS technology. We understand that

students are to use only HCPSS approved digital tools in order to safeguard student data from unauthorized access. Furthermore, we are aware that the device may be randomly collected, inspected, and searched.

We agree that the device is to be used exclusively by the HCPSS employees and the assigned student. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may use the device for purposes of assisting their child with educational studies

Ownership:

The HCPSS shall retain title to the equipment at all times, unless otherwise transferred. The student shall hold no security or ownership interest in the equipment.

The equipment is a loan and remains the property of the HCPSS.

The term of this loan is for the course of the school year or as otherwise designated by the school administrator.

Upon request of an administrator or teacher, we will return the device and power cords.

Proper Care:

We are responsible for the safe handling, storage, and security of this device. We agree to take appropriate precautions to prevent damage, loss, or theft.

We will secure the device when not attended.

If the device is lost, stolen or damaged, it is our responsibility to immediately notify the school's media specialist, teacher, principal, or assistant principal.

We will not write, etch, scratch, mark or apply stickers to this device. Should student enrollment be terminated for any reason, the equipment must be returned within four calendar days.

We will not alter any HCPSS markings and stickers applied on the device.

If the device is damaged, we will return the device. We will not attempt to repair the device or contact any other computer repair service facility directly.

Return:

Devices should be returned to the Logistics Center (9645 Gerwig Lane, Columbia MD 21046). Review the Student Technology Resources page (<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796>) for updated hours of operation.

User Guide:

The online user guide can be found on the Student Technology Resources Canvas community (<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796/pages/mobile-hotspot>).