



HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome All Incoming 9th Grade Families:

We are very excited to welcome your children to the high school as members of the Class of 2023. The changing landscape of the world's information to digital form requires our students to have a different set of skills than what was required in the past. Future graduates must be equipped with current age skills of problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and information technology literacy. In light of this, the high school implemented a 1:1 laptop environment at the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year. All incoming 9th grade students will be assigned a laptop. We have created a webpage where you can find all of the pertinent information regarding this initiative:

- The device - Lenovo Yoga 370
- The technology fee structure and what it covers
- Student Responsibilities sheet – we ask all parents to review this with their child
- August laptop deployment process – dates TBD
- The laptop agreement form – **which must be signed by students and parents/guardians and returned to KV**
- MySchool Bucks payment option & Tutorial
- HH laptop backpacks available for purchase

The webpage also includes a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) section that addresses many commonly asked questions about this initiative. The link is <http://www.hatboro-horsham.org/Page/13621>

We are pleased with the success and growth we have seen the past two years in the 1:1 setting. Our staff and students continue to increase their usage and understanding of how the device increases learning. We will continue to improve in these areas.

We look forward to seeing you in August. Enjoy your summer!!!

Sincerely,

The HHHS Administration

Enclosures (3) 1. Parents' Guide to Student Laptops 2. Laptop Agreement Form (must be returned to KV) 3. Acknowledgment Form

Parents' Guide to Student Laptops

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is an important subject to revisit frequently. Children are actually most vulnerable to online dangers while in their own home. The following suggestions are provided to help you guide your child's use of the school device and other technology devices.

Set Expectations

Regularly share your expectations with your child about accessing only appropriate sites and content, as well as being a good citizen when online (even when parents aren't watching). Outside of school, it is likely that your child has already been confronted with multiple opportunities to access content that parents wouldn't approve. Your teen's use of devices (such as iPads, video game systems, and cell phones) may give them the ability to connect to unfiltered public wireless networks (such as in a public library or coffee shop). It is important to maintain a regular, open dialog about Internet use and access. Come to a mutual understanding your expectation for appropriate use, behavior, and potential consequences.

Monitor & Limit Screen Time

Surfing the Internet should be done in a central place at home, such as the kitchen or family room, rather than away from adult supervision or behind a closed door. Know what your child is doing with technology and how his or her time is being spent. Technology can be a great tool and resource, but also has the potential to be a big distractor. Help your child learn to focus on completing tasks or assignments first before spending time on games, browsing, or social networking. Teaching our children how to manage multiple sources of information and potential distractions is a critical life skill, one best learned before heading off to college or the workplace.

Put the device to bed, but not in the bedroom

Parenting experts suggest parking all technology devices, from cell phones to laptops, in a common family room or the kitchen overnight to discourage late night, unmonitored use and sleep disruption. Don't allow your teen to sleep with the laptop or cell phone in their room.

Common Sense Media Guides for Parents and Teens in High School

The [Common Sense Media site](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/) has great resources for parents to guide conversations with their children about media use. It's designed to help parents set expectations around media use that is right for their family. This is an excellent resource to help families get on the same page about media and technology use.

<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

<https://www.connectsafely.org/great-internet-safety-resources/>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0001-netcetera.pdf>

<https://cyberinsureone.com/online-safety/>