

Digital Tools Permission Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Name of Student: (please print) _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ School Name: _____

Please indicate which device is being issued to your child by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

☐ iPad ☐ Laptop ☐ Other Device _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS AND INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT:

HOME USE:

- The device remains the property of the school board and may need to be returned during the school year for maintenance. This often takes place during the summer months and periodically throughout the year. Special arrangements will need to be made if summer use is required.
- This device is intended to be used both in school and at home, to help support my child's learning. My child will be taking the device home and is responsible for bringing their device to school each day, fully charged.
- I will be responsible for monitoring my child's internet use outside of the classroom, to ensure that acceptable internet access is followed, and that the equipment is used for educational purposes, to help extend the learning in the classroom.
- I will be responsible for monitoring and guiding my child to properly handle and care for the device.
- In the event of loss, damage or theft, I will notify the main office at the school by phone, email or in person so that my child can receive a temporary replacement device. Situations like this will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Repeated instances of damage or loss will result in replacement devices no longer be issued for home use
- I am aware that if the device and/or accessories are lost, damaged or stolen, depending on the circumstances, I may be expected to assume the replacement cost for the device or accessories.
- The device and any additional accessories (case, charging adaptor, etc.) will be returned in perfect working order.

☐ YES, I AGREE WITH THE ABOVE

☐ NO, I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ABOVE

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS:

- As we describe in our *Parent/Guardian Information Letter on Personal Information* (link on your school website), we continually conduct research to measure the effectiveness of our programs in an effort to keep improving learning for all students. What this means is that your child may take part in tasks to show how well they can use technology as well as their ability across various program skills. We may also look at their marks and EQAO results.
- Sometimes we work with university partners on our research projects but we never share data that contains student names or other identifying information unless we ask for your consent first.
- Our research findings are often shared publicly in reports and at conference or in scholarly articles.

Name of Parent/Guardian: (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (or students 18 and over): _____

Date: _____