

**Foster-Glocester Regional Schools**  
**i21 Initiative Policy**  
**Collaborative, Relevant, and Personalized Learning**  
**Supported by 1:1 Technology**

**Philosophy and Intent**

The Ponaganset i21 Initiative, a 1:1 technology program, is designed to support the mission of the Foster-Glocester Regional School District by providing each graduate the opportunity to be well prepared for post-secondary education, careers, and citizenship within a global knowledge-based society. This policy is intended to provide our students a competitive edge by establishing a collaborative, personalized, and relevant educational system that:

- 1) Graduates students proficient in 21st Century Skills and work habits needed for success in a knowledge-based global society;
- 2) Delivers an innovative and integrated learning experiences, organized around students' college and career interests, that prepares our students for the pressing challenges of a global digital society;
- 3) Provides curricular experiences that bring real world applications to learning that occurs in and out of school; and
- 4) Prepares students for careers in high demand and/or high growth areas in the local and global labor markets by offering rigorous courses and programs.

**Our Vision**

Collaborative, relevant, and personalized learning experiences develop students' intellectual core, 21st Century Skills, work habits, and expand their content knowledge in technology rich learning environments. Students purposefully choose college and career pathways that may lead to post-secondary credit and/or industry certification. Students use technology innovatively and collaboratively to produce relevant original work with thoroughness and accuracy. Real world applications, aligned to student interests, are incorporated into integrated curricular experiences that thoughtfully use time, flexible groups, technology, physical and virtual resources to engage students and advance learning in classroom, independent and other settings.

**Required Use of Technology**

The use of laptops, Chromebooks, and other technology is an integral part of the Ponaganset learning and teaching experience and is necessary to achieve the educational mission of the district. Student use of district provided technology and related equipment is a necessary to deliver rigorous curriculum and a high-quality personalized, relevant, and collaborative educational experience that prepares students for varying college and careers.

**1:1 Technology Ownership**

FGRSD retains the sole right of possession of all laptops, Chromebooks, and mobile technology. These items are loaned to the students for educational purposes only on a year-to-year basis typically for a three (3) year period or until they graduate or leave the district. Moreover, FGRSD administrators, teachers, and staff retain the right to collect and/or inspect these devices at any time, including via electronic remote access, and to alter, add or delete installed software or hardware.

**Student / Parent / Guardian Device Care and Liability**

Students in grades 6-12, as part of a multi-year phase in, may be issued a personal device. As is the case with textbooks, band equipment, athletic equipment, and other school property a student/family shall be

responsible for the replacement cost if a device is lost or stolen. The value of the device will be prorated based on its age and replacement value. Students, parents/guardians should carefully read, understand, and follow the *Expectations for the Care of Devices*.

### **Insurance for Damaged Device**

Parents shall have the opportunity to purchase liability insurance through the Foster-Glocester Regional Schools to cover damaged devices. The initial fee for insurance is not to exceed \$20.00 per year for a single student and \$10 for each additional student. This annual cost is intended to cover the device against hardware failure, screen breakage, and other accidental damage one time a year as well as reported and documented theft once during the life of the device. After the device is repaired one (1) time in a year continued insurance coverage will require an additional fee. Additional damage to the device beyond two (2) times will result in the student/family being responsible for the cost of service and repairs. Students who are enrolled in the free and reduced price lunch program may have the insurance fee waived or reduced, but shall remain responsible for damage beyond two (2) incidents. Families enduring financial hardship may be considered for a payment plan. All fees collected by FGRSD for device insurance will be used exclusively to offset the costs for replacement parts or additional devices in support of our i21 technology Initiative.

If a student/family opts not to purchase liability insurance, the student/family assumes responsibility for the cost of repairing/servicing the device and for replacing a lost or stolen device. All service on a device shall be solely managed and performed by Foster-Glocester Regional School District or its designee.

### **1:1 Technology Administrative Directives, Policies and Procedures**

The school and district administrative team is authorized to develop, implement, and revise as needed Administrative Directives, Policies, and Procedures informed by recommendations from the District Technology PLC (Professional Learning Community) regarding the use care, control, distribution, maintenance, communication, and instructional support of all 1:1 technology, software, and related equipment. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Laptop, Chromebook, and Related Technology Use Agreements
- Parent/Guardian Orientation
- Distribution to and Collection From Students and Families
- Procedures for Transferring/Withdrawing Students
- Responsibilities for the Care of the Devices
- Responsible Use of the Devices
- Digital Citizenship
- Use Inside an Outside of School
- Operating System and Security
- Learning Management Systems
- Software Updates
- Privacy of Information
- Copyright and File Transfers
- Spare Equipment and Loaning
- Repair and Replacement
- Insurance and Warranties

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