

Care and Use of Your Laptop

Follow these simple steps to keep your laptop looking and running like new.

The display screens are designed only for displaying. They are not touch screens. Not only does touching the screen leave fingerprints but it also increases the possibility of damaging the display. If you do get fingerprints and other smudges on your screen you can clean it with cleaners that are designed for eyeglasses, camera lenses, lcd televisions or lcd computer screens. Do not use any type of household cleaning solution or dry paper towel type wipes.

Laptops by nature are portable but this doesn't mean that you should work with your computer on your lap while you are eating crackers, (or any type of food). Food crumbs and liquids dropped on keyboards will render the keyboards useless and cost you about \$15 to have it replaced.

Back up your data. Each student has file space allocated on a school server. You access this space when you are on the school network as your H drive. You should copy your school related files to this space. This provides the ability to recover these files if the hard drive on your laptop fails. In many cases this may be the only way to get these files back.

When winding up the electrical cords of the AC adapter for your laptop it is my recommendation that you don't wind them around the body of the adapter. While this can give you what appears to be the neatest storage it puts undue stress on the connection of the laptop cord to the adapter. If you would like to continue wrapping the cords this way please leave enough slack in the connection mentioned above to reduce this stress. Doing so will extend the life of the adapters.