



Miami-Dade County Public Schools

The 1 Million Project

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Parent & Student Resource Guide

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ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Through the 1 Million Project, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will partner with Sprint to help close the homework gap by providing free devices (smartphone) and wireless service to eligible low income high school students who do not have home internet access. Eligible students will have use of the device and Internet service for the time they are enrolled in high school, up to four years. This is a five-year project, starting in 2017-2018. Each year, devices will be distributed to eligible students in grades 9-12 who will keep them until they graduate from high school.

Students will receive the following:

- Smartphone (Android) for 4 years while they are enrolled in an M-DCPS high school
- 3 GB per month of free high-speed LTE data while on the Sprint Network
- Unlimited data is available at 2G speeds
- Unlimited Voice and Text (No long distance outside US)
- Phones come equipped with a filter to prevent inappropriate browsing
- Free hotspot capability and unlimited domestic calls/texts while on the Sprint Network

The policies, procedures, and guidelines outlined in this document apply to the district-issued Sprint mobile device (i.e., smartphone). Additional requirements are at the discretion of each school and/or classroom teacher.

STUDENT USE OF SPRINT SMARTPHONES

Intended Uses for Smartphones

The smartphones are intended to be used by students in the following manner:

- Use the phone as a hotspot for your mobile device
- Assist with the completion of homework
- Access digital resources (e.g., textbooks)
- View grades and schedule using the districts mobile application
- Complete classwork assignments, with teacher permission

Student Smartphone Use & Network Netiquette

- Student must follow all applicable school and classroom rules regarding the use of the smartphones during school hours
- Students should refrain from using their smartphones as hotspots during school hours; students should use the district's Wi-Fi network during school hours
- Students should follow netiquette rules when communicating on the Internet and using the smartphone provided by the district. The rules of Network Netiquette can be found in the District's acceptable use policy (7540.03 - Student Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems), located at <http://www.neola.com/miamidade-fl/search/policies/po7540.03.htm>.

Managing Student Work on Devices

When using any mobile device, students should save all their work in the district-provided cloud application OneDrive, or in other cloud applications depending on teacher instructions. It is the student's responsibility to save and manage their files. If a device has to be restored or replaced due to a malfunction or repair, data stored on the device could be lost. It is the student's responsibility to ensure work is not lost due to mechanical failure or accidental deletion. Computer malfunctions are not an acceptable excuse for not submitting work.

Camera

Each smartphone is equipped with a camera; devices have videorecording and audio recording capabilities. Students must obtain permission prior to publishing a photograph or video/audio recording of any school related activity. Cameras should be used for educational purposes only, such as recording videos or taking pictures to include in a school project or recording a student performance and playing it back for rehearsal and improvement.

Using the Mobile Device Outside of School

Students have been provided with a smartphone with the intent that they take them home and use them outside of school. When connecting to the Internet outside of school, students must understand that the district rules and policies still apply. Students are expected to follow all M-DCPS policies wherever they use their district-issued devices.

Internet Content Filtering

The smartphones are equipped with a filter to prevent inappropriate browsing when using the internet – even while off campus. Even when working at home, students must adhere to the district's acceptable use policy; they must not attempt to disable or sidestep the filtering software. To the extent possible, the filter monitors the internet sites that students attempt to access and blocks inappropriate sites; however, it must be noted that no filtering software is 100% accurate and may not block all information that may be deemed offensive or unsuitable by parents. Filtering software is not a substitute for parental judgment and oversight; parents are still urged to monitor their child's internet access while at home.

STUDENTS WITHDRAWING OR TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS

Students Withdrawing from Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Students withdrawing from Miami-Dade County Public Schools or transferring to a Charter school must turn in their smartphones before their last day of attendance. Any smartphone that is not turned in will be deactivated and all services will be terminated.

Students Transferring Schools within the District

If a student transfers from one M-DCPS school to another, the student may be allowed to keep his/her device for use at the new school. If the originating school wishes to collect the phone from the student to keep as part of their inventory, the student will be issued a phone upon enrolling at his/her new school. The original phone will be deactivated and the student will receive a new phone (with a new phone number) at the new school.

BROKEN/LOST/STOLEN DEVICES & TROUBLESHOOTING

Broken Devices

Students are expected to report any damage to their district-issued smartphone as soon as possible to designated school personnel. The district nor Sprint is responsible for repairing the broken or damaged smartphones. Replacement smartphones will be handled on a case by case basis by the school administration. Due to limited quantities of the smartphones, students are not guaranteed a replacement smartphone.

Lost/Stolen Devices

If the District-issued device has been lost or stolen, the student should notify school personnel immediately, so that school staff may suspend or deactivate the service on the phone. Replacement smartphones will be handled on a case by case basis by the school administration. Due to limited quantities of the smartphones, students are not guaranteed a replacement smartphone.

Troubleshooting

If the District-issued device malfunctions or is not working properly, students should contact Sprint at 1-844-309-1680 for assistance. Schools are not responsible for troubleshooting the smartphone software or for repairing malfunctioning phones. Physical damage is not considered a “malfunction.” For instructions on handling damaged devices, see “Broken Devices” above.

STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Once smartphones go home with students, parents or guardians are responsible for monitoring student use at home and away from school. The best way to keep students safe and on-task is to have parents/guardians present and involved. The following are suggestions for parents or guardians for mobile device use at home and away from school.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Develop a set of rules/expectations for the device use at home
- Demonstrate interest in, and monitoring of, what your child is doing on the device
- Remind your child to treat the equipment properly and with respect
- Review the District's Acceptable Use Policy with your child

Student Responsibilities

- Charge and maintain the smartphone daily
- Do not loan your device to other students, friends, or family members
- Follow the Acceptable Use Policy when using the device
- Follow copyright laws and guidelines when completing assignments
- Use and maintain the device in the manner prescribed by the District, the school, and the teacher

CARE OF MOBILE DEVICE

Students are responsible for the general care of the smartphone and any accessory they have been issued by the District and Sprint. Below are some guidelines for caring for the mobile devices:

General Care

- Care should be taken when using the device near food or liquids. Spills may cause damage.
- Devices should remain free of any writing, drawing, etching, stickers, or labels that are not the property of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Students are not to attempt to repair devices themselves. If device malfunctions, contact Sprint at 1-844-309-1680. If device is damaged, contact school personnel.
- Smartphones should never be placed in extreme conditions (e.g. extreme hot or cold, rain, damp locations, etc.)

At School

- Do not leave the device unattended.
- Do not place things or heavy objects on top of the device.
- Do not leave the device in unsafe or unstable locations (i.e., stool, chair, floor, etc.)
- Do not loan your device to another student.

At Home

- Do not leave the device in unsafe or unstable locations (i.e., stool, chair, floor, etc.)
- Keep the device away from pets.
- Do not loan your device to relatives or friends.

Traveling to and from School

- Device should be placed in book bag/backpack and kept out of view.
- Check surroundings when exiting a vehicle (car, school bus, etc.) to ensure the device has not been left behind.

Battery and Charging

- The smartphones are designed for daily use. Students should monitor the battery status of the device to ensure it is charged for classroom use.
- Batteries should be charged every night. There is no need to wait until the charge is low to charge the battery.

Screen

- The smartphone screen can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. The screen should be cleaned only with a soft, lint-free, dry cloth. Do not use liquids or cleansers to clean the screen.
- Avoid using any sharp objects on or near the device, or placing heavy objects on top of the screen as they can scratch or damage the screen.
- Do not lean on top of the device as that may damage the screen.
- Hold the device with care, avoiding drops, crashes, and placing under heavy objects.