

Netbook Tips

Charging Netbooks

Please remind your student to fully charge their netbook every night. Establishing a routine for this at home will ensure that student s arrive at school with a fully-charged device that will last for the entire school day. Chargers should be kept at home. Students whose netbooks lose their charge at school will have the option to use a desktop computer.

Powering Down Netbooks

Please ensure that students are properly shutting down their netbooks. This is done by clicking on the Start Menu, then selecting “Shut down” (on the right). The lid should not be closed until the screen has gone dark and all the indicator lights are off. Closing the lid prematurely will cause the computer to hibernate instead of shutting down completely.

We’re also finding that some students are holding down the power button to shut down their computer. This is to be avoided as it can corrupt data in open programs and repeatedly doing so can risk damage to the hard disk.

Accessing the LWSD Network

The LWSD network is very secure, which means that students cannot access their individual network folders or the EAS shared data folders from home. Some new students are still a bit confused about this. Due to this, backing up files on their USB flash drive and to eBackpack is essential! Students need to have their flash drive with them every day at school.

eBackpack

All LWSD students have access to cloud file-storage called eBackpack, which is accessible from any location with web access. All EAS students have received instruction on how to use eBackpack and should have a digital copy of the instructions stored on their flash drive.

Connecting to Home Networks & Printers

Students often ask us about how to connect their netbook to their home network and/or home printers. Due to the many different home network solutions, there isn’t one answer we can provide. We suggest that they work with whoever set up their home network for assistance in connecting their netbook. In some cases, special device drivers need to be installed, which is not allowed by the netbook security settings. In these cases, the netbook will not be able to connect to the home network or printers. **Please do not attempt to override these security settings, as doing so will prevent the netbook from connecting to the secure LWSD network when at school!** In this situation, the student can simply connect their flash drive to a networked home computer to access their home network.