

# MLTI iBook Information for Parents & Guardians

Access & Accountability at Lyman Moore

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# Who I am

- Social Studies Teacher in Chebeague House, 8th grade (my third year teaching)
- Teacher who is helping guide policy and use of laptops here
- Teacher who is helping other teachers learn how to use laptops in the classroom
- Former technology professional who was originally opposed to the laptop program

# Tonight's Presentation

- Background: Why do kids have laptops?
- New Access & Accountability Policy
- Technology Safety
- Insurance & Take Home Options
- Paperwork

Why do our kids have  
laptops in middle school?

# Background

- Maine has set the standard for the country by having one-to-one computing. The program's success is now recognized world-wide.
- Our leaders recognized one way to compete in a growing competitive labor market.
- The MLTI (Maine Laptop Technology Initiative) has been approved for 4 more years.

# The bottom line.

- High schools and now colleges expect students to be “tech-saavy”
- Even unskilled, low-wage jobs require some technology use.
- Technology is not going away and it is part of the fabric of our economy and culture (whether we like it or not.)

**At Lyman Moore,  
we have decided to adopt a  
new philosophy and policy  
about laptops.**



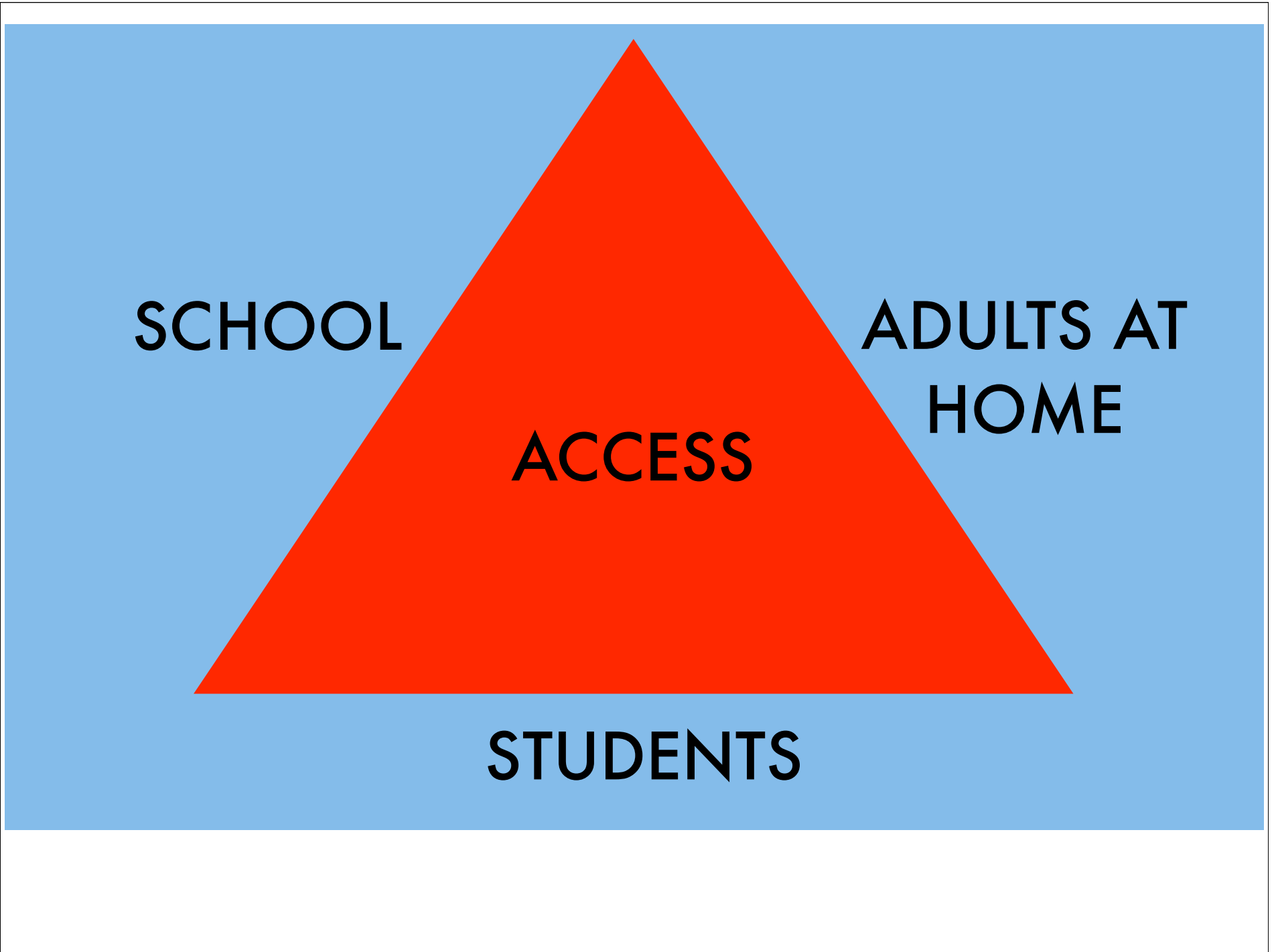
**OUR GOAL:  
ACCESS &  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**SCHOOL**

**ADULTS AT  
HOME**

**ACCESS**

**STUDENTS**



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**HOW DO WE  
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- Learn new level of responsibility

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should know  
about kids and  
the internet

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  - however, it is also a huge challenge.

# Middle Schoolers need help making good choices

- How long to stay on the phone, the video game, the internet
- Where to store their expensive stuff
- Who to stay away from

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- BE AWARE of what they are doing.

# When in doubt....

- Students are ONLY allowed to use the laptop for ASSIGNED EDUCATIONAL TASKS.

**Insurance Options:  
Recommended for  
EVERYONE**

# INSURANCE COVERS

- **Home AND in-school use.**
- theft, fire, power surge, natural disasters, accidental (non-negligent) damage

NOTE: Apple's warranty covers manufacture problems.

# INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER

- DAMAGE DUE TO NEGLIGENCE  
OR WILLFUL DESTRUCTION

- THE LCD SCREEN

There is a \$200 deductible if the screen must be replaced.

# INSURANCE COSTS

(covers now until end of school year)

- \$25.00 / student
- \$40.00 / families with more than one child in 7th or 8th grade at Moore

# Take-Home Options

# Reasons for & against

## for

- more access = good
- more likely to get assignments done
- you get to see what they are doing
- allows opportunity for new responsibility

## against

- potential for misuse and damage
- if it is left home, you must bring it in

Read the pink  
Take-Home Permission Form  
carefully.

**YOU** decide if taking the  
laptop home is right for  
your child and family.

# Paperwork

## Insurance

- Must select take-home option (yes/no)
- Must select insurance option (yes/no)
- Checks should be payable to Lyman Moore Middle School

## Take Home Permission

- Sign only if you **WANT** it to go home
- If you sign it, I will then have your child sign it at school.
- A copy will come home to you (for the fridge.)

**THANK YOU!**

QUESTIONS?????

