

We have been made aware of a troubling and potentially dangerous trend circulating on TikTok and other social media platforms that encourages students to intentionally damage their school-issued Chromebooks.

Some videos show students inserting paper clips, push pins, foil, or other metal objects into USB ports. This act can cause devices to short-circuit, overheat, or even spark, posing a serious risk of fire or injury. This behavior is not a harmless prank; it is vandalism and could result in property damage, personal harm, and disruptions to learning.

To be clear, any intentional damage to school devices will result in disciplinary action, financial consequences, and may include legal repercussions. While our Chromebook insurance may cover accidental damage, it does not cover any damage caused by misuse or deliberate acts.

We ask parents and guardians to speak with their children about the seriousness of this trend and to remind them that these actions are unsafe and unfair to others who rely on shared school resources to learn.

Let's work together to keep our students, staff, and schools safe. If you see or hear or see anything concerning, please don't hesitate to contact the building principal for your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. John Rushefski
Superintendent