

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The Arrowhead High School District would like to make you aware of a concerning trend circulating on TikTok and other social media platforms that pose a significant risk to student safety and school property.

This trend involves inserting small metal objects (such as paper clips, pencil lead, or pushpins) into the charging ports or internal components of Chromebooks to create an electrical short circuit. This can result in sparking, electrical fires, and even battery punctures, all of which can cause serious injury and damage.

If students choose to participate in this inappropriate behavior, all repair costs of the district Chromebook will be charged to the students and family up to the cost of replacement of the device. Additionally, the students involved may face disciplinary action.

According to policy 5513, "Care of District property" states, "In accordance with law, students who cause damage to District property shall be subject to disciplinary measures including suspension and expulsion. Also, their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law except that students over eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be liable for damage they cause."

The Arrowhead Union High School Cooperative Technology Program Handbook states, "In the event that there is egregious damage to a student's Chromebook, a fee may be issued." The results of these actions may cause permanent damage to the Chromebook, rendering it unusable.

We are asking for your support in speaking with your child about the very real dangers of this behavior, as well as reinforcing the importance of treating school-issued devices with care.

Thank you for your attention to this update.

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