

2025 Chronology – Microsoft A5 and Copilot Licenses

The Department of Information and Instructional Technology (DIIT) seeks approval to renew and expand the district's enterprise licensing to include both Microsoft A5 and Microsoft Copilot licenses. These licensing solutions provide the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) with secure, modern, and efficient digital tools that enhance teaching, learning, and administrative operations.

The Microsoft A5 license ensures the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of district technology resources while delivering up-to-date productivity applications, collaboration platforms, and advanced security protections.

The Microsoft Copilot license extends these capabilities by integrating advanced AI tools directly into Microsoft 365 applications, enabling greater efficiency, automation, and data-driven decision-making for district staff.

As DCSD relies on digital resources to support instruction and daily operations, it is essential to maintain current licensing for both productivity and security. The A5 License supports over 100,000 devices, ensuring staff and students have uninterrupted access to Microsoft Office 365 applications, collaboration tools, cloud storage, and endpoint protections. The Copilot License empowers administrative and instructional staff to leverage AI-assisted capabilities such as drafting documents, summarizing communications, generating presentations, analyzing data, and automating repetitive tasks.

These licensing investments are critical, ongoing components of the district's technology strategy. They ensure that DCSD remains agile, secure, and equipped with state-of-the-art tools to support academic success, operational efficiency, and organizational excellence.

Key Services-Microsoft A5 Licenses:

- Enables the district to upgrade to the latest versions of Microsoft Office 365 for Education.
- Includes Office 365 applications: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, Access, Publisher, and Visio.
- Provides additional tools such as Unlimited OneDrive Storage, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Forms, Power Apps, Power Automate, SharePoint, Microsoft Defender, and Active Directory for Single Sign-On (SSO).
- Allows students and staff to install Microsoft Office on multiple personal devices at no additional cost.

- Provides endpoint/email protection and audio/video capabilities.
- Currently supports over 100,000 devices running Office 365.

Key Services-Microsoft Copilot Licenses:

- Document drafting and editing assistance.
- Automated meeting summaries and action item generation.
- Email summarization and professional response drafting.
- Data analysis and visualization in Excel.
- Presentation creation in PowerPoint from outlines or datasets.
- Task automation using natural language commands.
- Research assistance from internal and shared files.
- Content personalization for different audiences.
- Time-saving templates for recurring administrative documents.

Financial Impact:

Year	Cost
2022-23	\$1,425,446.64
2023-24	\$1,547,903.72
2024-25	\$1,499,360.44
2025-26	\$ 1,464,502.76 requesting