



# Brookfield Public Schools



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share important information regarding personal computing devices and the upcoming school year. Our technology team and the administration have been working to ensure a smooth transition for all into our Hybrid Model of schooling.

As you may be aware, there is currently a worldwide shortage of personal computing devices. The manufacturers have simply been unable to keep pace with the extensive demand by schools, businesses, and private consumers. In addition to the shortage and manufacturing backlog, there are also significant delivery delays. Many districts in Connecticut, and across the country are experiencing these delays. The most updated delivery notifications state that schools are not expected to receive technology shipments until mid to late fall at the earliest. The district has devices available for distribution district-wide; however, without the devices we ordered, we currently do not have sufficient devices to distribute for every student to begin the year.

While we continue to explore all possible options to provide students with devices, we need your help. We are seeking information regarding devices that students currently have access to in their homes and can be used in school. Hybrid learners should use a device that can be brought to and from school. Remote learners can use desktop computers or devices that cannot be transported. Please fill out the form below by **Thursday, August 20 @ noon**. PLEASE FILL OUT 1 FORM PER STUDENT. Following the analysis of the data we receive from this survey, the district will begin preparing for distribution of our current supply of devices at your child's(ren's) schools on Thursday, Sept. 3 and Friday, Sept 4. Detailed information regarding distribution will be sent out by Friday, August 28th.

You should have already received communication from your child's(ren's) principal regarding our BYOD (Bring your Own Device) Program with recommended applicable devices for use in the classroom and at home. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me, your child's principal or the Technology Department. The district will ensure that all students have a reliable wireless network available to them while in school. In preparation for the first day of school, please ensure that you have the Google Chrome browser installed on any device your child(ren) will use.

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We continue to be in constant communication with vendors and distributors and will keep you updated. Please know that the Technology Department is available to support you with answers to any questions you may have regarding connectivity and device use.

Thank you in advance for your completion of this very important information collection form: [Student Device Form 20-21 School Year](#)

Translated versions of this communication will be posted on our website: <https://www.brookfield.k12.ct.us/district/pages/covid-19-information>

Thank you,  
Eric Conklin  
Director of Technology

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