



Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools

Technology 1:1

Communication FAQ

ALL STAKEHOLDERS

Why are we making this change?	<i>We have considered and planned for the implementation of 1:1. It is part of our strategic plan because we know that technology can take learning to a higher level for our students. These Chromebooks will allow our teachers and students to be creative, engaged, and prepared for demands of the future. We want our students to have every opportunity possible to be successful adults.</i>
How are we going to sustain the program?	<i>Student devices have been established as a Capital Projects Fund item. We also have additional funding available through the State Technology Advancement Account. The repair fund/tech fee for damages will ensure that we can maintain the equipment during the 4-year life cycle. We are asking our students and teachers to help us sustain the technology and make it meaningful - investing in professional development and student technology teams.</i>
When will this be implemented?	<i>Planning and preparation began with a team of teachers and leaders in October 2015. During 2016-2017 school year, Chromebook devices were shared with all buildings for teachers and students to explore and learn. Initial 1:1 phase begins at the MS during the 2017-2018 school year for grades 6-8. Ongoing 1:1 phases will include the HS during the 2018-2019 school year. Elementary levels will gradually get more access to devices in their buildings using carts of devices that stay at school.</i>
What role will textbooks play in student learning?	<i>We will still continue with new textbook adoption where it makes sense instructionally. If there is a viable digital option in the future we will look to that option once we can ensure 1:1 access for all students.</i>
Will we continue to have existing labs and computers?	<i>Labs will remain in place for programs, like Project Lead the Way, various business classes, and others that require specialized programs. Common area labs will be phased out as we phase in 1:1 devices.</i>
Can a student bring in their own device instead?	<i>Students are allowed to bring in cell phones but all personal devices will have limited connectivity and access</i>

	<i>to instructional programs. Students are expected to use the school-issued Chromebook for all classes.</i>
What device are you issuing and why?	<i>We selected the Dell 11 Chromebook because they have been proven to last in a school environment. It would allow us to meet all our educational goals without adding extreme costs.</i>
Can a student “opt out” of getting a device?	<i>The expectation is that the Chromebook will be used for digital assignments. Special accommodations will be made through case conference.</i>
What happens if... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one is broken/lost? ● there is misuse/abuse of the device? ● a student doesn't bring the device to school? 	<i>Damaged or lost devices should be reported to the teacher. Any suspicion of gross negligence will be referred to the main office. If a student forgets their device at home there will be consequences, but adjustments can be made by the teacher for the classroom activity that day. The expectation will be that students will use the Chromebook for digital assignment completion.</i>
Will students keep the device... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● in the summer? ● during breaks? ● each year? ● after they graduate? 	<i>Students will keep devices over short breaks but all devices will be collected over the summer unless prior approval is received for extended use. Anticipated collection will be during the last week of school.</i>
Where can I learn more about the device?	<i>Our Chromebook Handbook has a lot of valuable information for all stakeholders with regard to the proper use of the device. Additional information, including tips and troubleshooting, will be available on a student-created site. The FAQ will be updated with the site is operational.</i>

STUDENTS

What am I allowed to do?	<i>Our Chromebook Handbook has a lot of valuable information for students with regard to the proper use of the device. We want all students to be responsible users.</i>
What am I not allowed to do?	<i>Our Chromebook Handbook discusses more of these items in depth. It will be important for students to remember that there are consequences for their actions.</i>
What happens if I don't follow the rules?	<i>Consequences for violating school rules will be based on building level expectations and the student handbook.</i>
Where do I go for help?	<i>We are all learning together as a team. You should be able to ask teachers, students, and administrators.</i>
What if a student forgets to bring the device to school?	<i>Consequences for forgetting your device will be based on building level expectations and the student handbook.</i>
I am concerned my device battery will not last for the entire school day. What should I do?	<i>Charging stations will be in common areas throughout the building, including the library, cafeteria, and classrooms.</i>

PARENTS

What are the expectations for me?	<i>Ask questions... Partnership...Read the handbook to know expectations outlined.</i>
How much is it going to cost me?	<i>\$25 tech fee on the book bill plus an optional \$25 protection plan.</i>
What happens if the device gets broken?	<i>If you have purchased the <u>protection plan</u>, repairs will be covered at no cost the first time. Additional repairs will be billed with a deductible or at parts cost. Without the protection plan, repairs will be billed for the cost of repair.</i>
Will the device be filtered at home?	<i>Yes. All school devices will be filtered both on and off campus.</i>
What do we do if the charger is lost?	<i>The student needs to see the student techs and once payment is received, a replacement will be ordered.</i>
Is there a protective case for the device?	<i>Yes. All school devices will have a protective case that should remain on the device at all times.</i>
Do I have to pay for insurance?	<i>There is an optional <u>protection plan</u> available to all student families at a yearly cost of \$25.</i>
What happens if my child breaks or loses the device?	<i>Accidental damages are covered by the <u>protection plan</u> or billed at the cost of repair. In the case of a lost device, the student should notify a teacher or the office as soon as possible.</i>
My child participates in an after-school club, activity, or sport. Who is responsible for the safe-keeping of the device?	<i>Students must secure devices in a school locker, locked bus, locked classroom, or locked athletic locker when unattended.</i>
We don't have internet at home, how will my child complete his/her homework?	<i>Offline access is available for Google Apps and will be turned on for our Chromebooks. Teachers, students, and parents will all be trained in how to complete assignments offline.</i>