



Smart Schools Plan Part 2

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What can be funded through Smart Schools?

1. High-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities.
2. Classroom learning technology equipment and facilities (“Devices”) including such items as interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptops, and tablet computers.
3. High-tech school security capital expenditures, such as video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls.
4. Facility construction, enhancement, and/or modernization for pre-K programs or classroom trailer replacement.

Initial Plan - Start a 1:1 Device Program for Students Grades 3-12

Starting with 3rd and 8th grade students, each student and their teachers will receive a Chromebook from the district (on a five year replacement cycle) to be used to address the following goals:

- Increase student learning and support differentiated instruction. Help teachers deliver more personalized lessons to students, while allowing them to learn at their own pace and ability level.
- Ensure equal access and learning opportunities for all students. Expand learning beyond the classroom.
- Improve communication and collaboration among students, teachers, and parents.
- Help our students understand the importance of internet safety, digital citizenship, and developing a positive digital footprint.
- Provide more enrichment opportunities for students and help them develop essential problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Consistency with our District's vision:
 - Citizens of the world
 - Passionate about learning
 - Empowered

Plan (continued)

2018-2019:

- G Suite for Education
- Professional Development:
 - Google Apps
 - Google Classroom
- Purchase Chromebook classroom sets with carts for Lenape, MS, and HS.
- Replace end of life interactive projectors and add Chromecasts.
- Purchase Chromebooks for 3rd and 8th Grade teachers.

First Year (19-20):

- Every 3rd grade student and 8th grade student receives a Chromebook at the beginning of the year.
- PD and Chromebooks for 4th/9th Grade teachers throughout the year.

– Spring 2020 - COVID pandemic –

Second Year (20-21):

- Students bring Chromebooks up to next grade level.
- ~~Chromebooks now 1:1 at 3rd, 4th, 8th and 9th Grades.~~
 - *Five year plan expedited to accommodate the needs of the district -*

Remaining Funds Allocated for New Paltz CSD:

\$368,448

Plan (continued)

- Proposal: Allocate remaining Smart Schools funds on sustaining/improving our 1:1 program for students.



- Continued focus on integrating Chromebooks to develop students' creativity, problem solving, and innovation skills through inquiry-based learning.

Plan (continued)



Tentative Plan Timeline:

- ✓ State approved Technology Plan on file. (Approved - 2022)
- ✓ Plan Presented to the BOE - 8/2/23
- ❑ Prelim plan posted on district website for 30 days - 8/3/23
- ❑ Public hearing
- ❑ Final Plan approved by BOE
- ❑ Plan posted to district website
- ❑ Final Plan submitted to state for approval

Questions/Comments

If you have any questions or comments on the plan, please send them to:

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