

Supporting Deeper Learning

INTRODUCTION

The goal of the Hanover School Division is to achieve Deeper Learning through dynamic learning environments, collaborative learning partnerships, current pedagogical practices, and leveraging digital technology. By embedding digital technologies into classroom practice, we accelerate, amplify, and add value to learning.

Chromebook 1:1 will enhance learning by creating a personalized student-centred learning environment, where by the fall of 2018 every Grade 9-12 student will have access to a Chromebook in school and at home. This 1:1 environment will further support collaborative inquiry, and expand learning beyond the classroom.

Requirements

- Signed Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement
- Responsible Use of Technology Agreement on file (Digital Citizenship)
- Student and parent/guardian review the Chromebook 1:1 FAQ as listed on www.hsd.ca

WHY A CHROMEBOOK?

A Chromebook is a laptop, running Chrome OS as its operating system. It is designed to be used primarily while connected to the Internet. Chromebooks have fast startup, are known to be reliable, require low maintenance, and are not susceptible to software viruses. Chromebooks also integrate seamlessly with G Suite for Education (Google).

WHO WILL BE RECEIVING CHROMEBOOKS?

All students entering Grade 9 will receive a new Chromebook (rugged educational version). Students will have access to their designated Chromebook through till graduation.



CHROMEBOOK 1:1 FAQ

Will students be required to purchase, or pay for the use of a Chromebook?

No. The Chromebook is an educational resource provided by the Hanover School Division. Similar to textbooks and other instructional materials, HSD will supply Chromebooks to students at no cost.

Who owns the Chromebook?

HSD owns the Chromebook at all times. The device and AC charger are loaned to the student for educational use and must be returned at the end of the school year.

Does the Chromebook User Agreement require parent/guardian consent?

Yes. Any student under the age of 18 will require parent/guardian consent in the form of a signed Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement. This agreement indicates responsibilities, limitations, and liabilities for device usage.

Can a parent/guardian opt-out their child from receiving a Chromebook?

Yes. Although we highly recommend that all parents/guardians agree to their child's participation in Chromebook 1:1. Without a Chromebook, the student may not have after-school access to class work or collaboration opportunities in the same way other students do. Each school will have a limited amount of Chromebooks available for use (sign-out) during school hours. If opt-out is preferred, please contact your child's school to discuss further.

Will any sensitive or personal information be stored on the Chromebook?

No. Data is not stored locally on a Chromebook. If the device is lost, there is no concern regarding personal data.

Will students use their Chromebook in classes?

The Chromebook is a great device for accessing the web, typing notes, doing research, and host of other tasks using a variety of web-based applications. Chromebooks will be used in class at the discretion of each teacher, to help meet the educational needs of their students. By providing a mobile device to each student, we believe the curriculum will be enhanced by extending learning opportunities both inside and outside of our classrooms.

Will students require Internet service at home for this device to work?

No, the Chromebook can be used offline if necessary. Please note that if Internet access is not available, functionality of the device will be significantly limited. The Chromebook may be connected to the Internet through home Wi-Fi, or via a hot spot at a public library/local business.

Will an Internet filter be installed on the Chromebook?

Yes. Internet filtering on the HSD network is implemented via a multi-layered security approach, utilizing trusted URL and IP filtering services, along with installed GoGuardian software. GoGuardian is an advanced web filtering and activity monitoring service, specifically designed for Chromebooks, that keeps students safe when they are online (when on the school network and at home). GoGuardian software cannot be turned off by students, and operates in the background regardless of device location.

HSD is confident in the effectiveness of our filtering services, but we also recognize that there are no perfect filters. School staff will do their utmost to ensure students arrive at appropriate sites. Students are educated regarding online safety and best practices of digital citizenship, and we encourage parents/guardians to engage in discussion with their children on such matters.

What if the Chromebook is lost, stolen, or damaged?

Students are fully responsible for device protection and care at all times. As per user agreement, the student's account will automatically be charged \$20 for Chromebook insurance (covers school year). This non-refundable insurance premium fully protects against accidental loss/damage or theft of the Chromebook. If student intentionally damages the Chromebook, any resulting insurance claim may be denied. Insurance coverage allows for a maximum of two claims per school year:

First Claim - No Cost

Second Claim - Parent/Guardian Pays Additional \$50 Deductible

Third Claim - Parent/Guardian Responsible for Full Cost of Repairs/Replacement

Parent/Guardian will be provided option to decline insurance coverage. By declining such coverage, parent/guardian assumes full risk of device loss, theft, damage in all circumstances, and agrees to pay the lesser of device repairs or device replacement cost (approx. value \$325).

Hardware defects or repair issues resulting from normal wear and tear will be repaired at no cost to the student, and not require use of an insurance claim.

Where can I obtain additional information about Chromebook 1:1?

Additional details, including the Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement are available for viewing on the HSD website at www.hsd.ca, or contact your school for further information.

