

MHPSD Chromebook Overview for Families

Overview:

This document provides an overview of the MHPSD plan to provide technology access to students. More details such as signing up for purchase and user agreements, warranties, repair, etc. will be made available closer to school start up.

Platform - Google Apps for Education (GAFE)

To support learners in a variety of contexts, teachers will continue to use Google Classroom as the main platform for establishing an online presence. Classroom is most easily accessible through the Google Chrome browser/operating system and can be used on Windows, Apple and Chrome devices. This flexibility allows students to bring their own device (BYOD) or access learning through school-owned Chromebooks.

Chromebook Purchase Program - HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE

As noted in our re-entry communications our Board voted to support families in a subsidized, cost reduced (below retail price) purchase of Chromebooks for students.

GRADE 3 through GRADE 12 - Technology Options:

OPTIONS	Description	Fees	
Option 1 BYOD	Students may bring their own device to and from school, connect to the network and access online materials	N/A	
Option 2 Purchase a "1 year" device	MHPSD has a limited number of quality Chromebooks available that have 1 year of amortization left. Includes Google console license. <i>Note: no warranty remaining</i>	\$75	No additional fees, student owns the device.
Option 3 Purchase a "2 year" device	MHPSD has a limited number of quality Chromebooks available that have 2 years of amortization left. Includes Google console license. <i>Note: no warranty remaining</i>	\$75 per year for 2 years or \$139 up front.	Student owns the device after complete payment. <i>Equivalent to \$6.25/month</i>
Option 4 Purchase of a new device	These will be new Chromebooks (HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE) and will include the Google console licence and 1 year manufacturer's warranty.	\$75 per year for 3 years or \$199 up front.	Student owns the device after complete payment. <i>Equivalent to \$6.25/month</i>

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Important Notes:

- A. New devices** have been ordered and will be available for purchase and distribution in the first week of classes (possibly sooner if devices becomes available). Devices will be distributed to students who have purchased them as soon as the devices arrive. Families will purchase the devices through SchoolCash Online. ****Note devices are not available for purchase at this time and families will be notified once online purchasing can begin.**
- B. Used devices** will be for sale at the discounted rate (see above table) through SchoolCash Online in the first week of classes. Devices will be distributed to students at their school.
- C. New/used devices:** Once the device has been fully paid for it belongs to the student.
- D. Warranty, Insurance, Repairing or Replacing Your Chromebook:** The initial cost of the purchase of a new device includes the first year of warranty.
- E. Students may use the device for as many years as it remains functional.** A student using the device beyond the payment years does not have to pay any additional fees.
- F. A limited number of loaner devices** will be available at schools for students that forget devices at home or have a device off for repairs. These devices will stay at the school.
- G. Families that are unable to purchase a device** may apply for a loaner device through their child's school. More details will follow prior to start up.
- H. HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE** retail for approximately \$350.
- Model: 16W64UT HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE, Processor: AMD A4 9120C Dual-Core / 1.6 GHz, RAM: 4 GB DR4 SDRAM, Harddrive: 32 GB eMMC eMMC 5.0, Screen: 11.6" 1366 x 768 (HD). **Additional Specs:** Radeon R4 No Optical, IEEE 802.11n, IEEE 802.11a, IEEE 802.11g, Bluetooth 4.2, IEEE 802.11ac, IEEE 802.11b, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac, Bluetooth 4.2, 720p HD webcam, Chrome OS, 2-Cell, 47.6Whr.
- I. Google Chrome Management Console** is approximately \$35. Google Chrome Management Console is good for the entire life of the device and allows MHPSD to help keep students safe while they are using the device. The management console allows MHPSD to block inappropriate websites, pre-install school related apps, and a variety of other measures to maintain device security and safety. All new and used Chromebooks will automatically come with the google chrome management console and families can opt out at anytime by contacting their child's school. If a student has purchased a chromebook with this feature and then leaves MHPSD or graduates they will need to contact their school to disable the google chrome management console. If there is balance owed when a student leaves MHPSD they will be required to pay the remaining amount before the devices is theirs to own. General Features:
- Asset Tracking
 - Pre-Install and Block Apps
 - Blacklist, whitelist, or pre-install apps, extensions and URLs.
 - Create User Groups and control user access. Control who uses your Chromebooks: prevent outside users from logging in, disable Guest Mode, or designate the specific users within your domain that can use a Chromebook.
 - Apply policies, apps, and settings to different sets of users.
 - Configure Network Access
 - Set network and proxy settings to make it easy for users to get up and running and ensure they're protected by web filters and firewalls.
 - Customize User Features
 - Modify user settings like bookmark and app sync across computers and brand your devices with custom Chrome themes.
- I. For families that have brought their own device and would like to connect it to the console.** We are working on an answer to this question and will share that information at the beginning of the school year.

Kindergarten - GRADE 2

MHPSD's Reentry plan is designed to allow our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students to attend school everyday (whether we are in Scenario 1 or Scenario 2). To support this, each school will have enough MHPSD owned Chromebooks on site to support each of our K-2 learners. These devices will not need to travel to and from school as students will attend each day. For K-2 families that are choosing to learn from home and do not have access to a device, schools may loan these devices to families. Should we enter Scenario 3 (at home learning) students will also be able to borrow these devices. 2