

Subject: School Technology This Fall: What to Expect

Our goal is to have a safe and prosperous school year and continue to leverage new technology tools and skills developed over the last 18 months. Our plans by level are:

**High School:**

- Students will be expected to bring their own laptops (as in prior years). Chromebooks will be available for long-term checkout. Short-term or daily checkout of laptops will be available in the library.

**Middle School:**

- Students will be assigned a school-owned and managed Chromebook. 7th and 8th-grade students will receive the same device they used last year. Incoming 6th-grade students will receive a new device. Students are expected to use this device in school and charge it at home. Personal laptops should not be brought to school.

**Elementary:**

- 4th and 5th-grade students will check out Chromebooks assigned by the classroom teacher. The device will generally stay in school but can be taken home as needed to complete school-related work.
- In grades 2 and 3, classroom/grade level sets of Chromebooks are available to the faculty for student in-class instruction. These devices will stay in school but can be checked out if needed.
- For kindergarten and 1st grade, sets of iPads will be available to teachers for student in-class instructional activities. These devices will stay in school but can be checked out if needed.

**Use of Zoom:**

- Our goal is to leverage the benefits of the increased participation that Zoom provided. Public meetings, parent coffee's, etc., were well attended last year via Zoom, and our intent is to continue this when it makes sense to do so.
- Our goal is in-person instruction. However, safety/quarantine scenarios will dictate the options available. Therefore, we will make every effort to enable symptom-free quarantined students to participate remotely via Zoom.

**Device insurance: [\[Action Item\]](#)**

- We encourage you to consider insuring your students' devices. We only provide insurance for school-owned middle school student devices (with a \$50 dollar deductible). After devices are checked out to students (because the serial number is needed) [information can be found here](#) regarding the purchase of insurance for school-owned devices and/or personal devices.

We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to navigate our ever-changing world.  
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