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Re: Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC)

Dear Parents,

Technology will be an integral part of instructional delivery in the 2020-21 school year, whether students are attending school virtually or in-person.

One of our primary technology goals is to ensure that each student's interaction with technology is a positive one. With this goal in mind, we are implementing a Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) program within our District. This program supports and encourages students to bring their own Chromebook to school to assist their learning experience. Students will use their Chromebooks to access resources, complete assignments, research information, access websites with curriculum-related content, collaborate in real time, produce documents, analyze data, participate in surveys, produce videos, read digital books, create blogs, take notes, and other approved instructional activities.

The District will allow students to use their own personal Chromebooks on our network and school grounds. The use of personal Chromebooks by students is entirely optional. Please be advised that a Chromebook is the only personal device that we will be allowing students to bring to school to use in class and a Chromebook will be the only device supported on our network. Students will also have the option of obtaining a District-issued Chromebook at their school site during student registration.

The District's minimum Chromebook requirements are listed below. Please review them before purchasing a Chromebook to ensure that your device will be able to connect to and support our instructional material.

Chromebook minimum specifications:

- Keyboard
- Minimum 11-inch screen
- 2GB RAM (memory); 4GB recommended
- Wireless Adapter – Wireless 5GHz Dual-Band minimum; Wireless 802.11AC highly recommended
- Chrome Operating System with latest updates
- Minimum 5 hour battery life (Chromebooks must be charged before bringing to school)

We expect all students to be good digital citizens and support the District's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy. Families can review the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement and BYOC Agreement, found at www.ovsd.org/byoc, for more information, which is included in the Aeries Online registration.

Recommended authorized retailer

Sehi Computer Products, Inc., is a trusted retailer and will provide parents with an education discount.

Other Chromebook Resources:

Competitively priced Chromebooks are available through Amazon, Best Buy, and other retailers. The information below is intended to help you find the right Chromebook for your student and contains reviews and links to retailers for purchases.

- **Google Chromebook Device Gallery** - <https://www.google.com/chromebook/shop/>
- **The best Chromebooks in 2020** - <https://www.laptopmag.com/reviews/best-chromebooks-5>
- **Low-cost Internet & Devices for families in need** - <http://everyoneon.org>

Sincerely,

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Director, Information Technology

Dr. Michael Conroy
Deputy Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Student Bring Your Own Chromebook to School

This FAQ is designed to provide information regarding the Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) to school program.

What is BYOC (Bring Your Own Chromebook)?

BYOC allows students to bring their personal Chromebook from home to be used for educational applications in the classroom.

How will my student use the device during the school day?

Students will use their devices to access resources, complete assignments, research information, access websites with curriculum-related content, collaborate in real time, produce documents, analyze data, participate in surveys, produce videos, read digital books, create blogs, take notes, and other approved instructional activities.

What type of device is appropriate?

We recommend that students purchase a device that can maximize their learning opportunities. Only Chromebooks that are currently supported by Google and the manufacturer may be used. Chromebooks must meet the minimum requirements listed here: www.ovsd.org/byoc

Where can the student use their Chromebook?

Students should only bring a personal Chromebook for use in class. Chromebooks are not to be used in locations where there is an expectation of privacy areas such as locker rooms, bathrooms, etc. Students will be limited to having a maximum of one (1) Chromebook enrolled for use in the BYOC Program.

What about security, theft, and damage?

Chromebook are the sole responsibility of the student and parent/guardian. OVSD accepts no responsibility for either the security of, or the data residing on, the Chromebook. District employees will not support, repair or troubleshoot personal student Chromebooks.

What happens if the Chromebook breaks while at school?

The student will put the Chromebook away and take it home at the end of the school day, where the student and parent can troubleshoot the Chromebook. Parents are encouraged to purchase insurance or an extended warranty for the Chromebook.

What about charging the Chromebook at school?

It is recommended that personally owned Chromebooks come to school with a full charge. Students should be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their Chromebook during the school day. However, teachers will make reasonable allowances within the classroom.

What apps or software will be used in the classroom?

As long as the Chromebook is supported by Google and enrolled in OVSD's Chrome OS management system, students will have identical access to all educational apps and software that District-owned Chromebooks have.

Will the Chromebook be content filtered?

OVSD participates in the Federal FCC E-rate program and receives funding; therefore, it is mandated that the District be compliant with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. These federal Acts require the District to have active and technical measures in place to monitor and filter inappropriate internet content.

Could I use my cellular data plan instead?

Cellular data plans on personal devices do not use OVSD's internet connection and therefore do not use OVSD internet content filter. Students should only use the OVSD network connection with their Chromebook while on OVSD property.

What is the Chrome Operating System (OS) Management System?

To ensure the safety of our students and network, the District has implemented Google's Chrome OS management system to manage District-owned Chromebooks. These allow the District to monitor and track student Chromebooks, ensuring our students' safety. It also allows required web content filtering and ensuring students have direct access to educational apps.

Do I need to enroll my student's Chromebook in the District's Chrome OS Management System?

Yes, enrollment in the District's Chrome OS Management System is required and is performed by an Information Technology (IT) technician at your child's school site. This is required for continued use of OVSD resources on a Chromebook. It can be removed at the parent's request but will prevent the student from connecting to the District network.

Only OVSD Google accounts will be allowed to sign in on a Chromebook managed by OVSD. Therefore, the same controls for monitoring students at school will be utilized at home. The District does not have the ability to monitor video or audio without the consent of the student in front of their Chromebook. However, the District will be able to monitor all web content used on the student's Chromebook. Therefore, we strongly recommend that the Chromebook enrolled in the Chrome OS management system be utilized only for educational purposes.

Can I print from my personal device?

Yes, Students will have access to printing on-campus with approval from their teacher, if the Chrome OS Management System has been installed on your student's Chromebook.

How do I enroll my Chromebook?

Your student's teacher will assess the Chromebook to ensure it is an approved and supported Chromebook. Teachers will then submit a ticket to IT to have a technician enroll the Chromebook at their school site.

How can I unenroll my Chromebook?

Contact your child's teacher, who will submit a ticket to IT to have your Chromebook removed from OVSD's Chrome OS management system. You can then follow the wipe instructions at www.ovsd.org/byoc to restore the Chromebook to factory settings.


NOTE: Unenrollment is permanent and will prevent your student from accessing OVSD resources on that Chromebook. Re-enrollment using the same Chromebook may be subject to a re-enrollment fee.

How do I get more information about OVSD BYOC?


Please visit www.ovsd.org/byoc for additional resources and information.

CHROMEBOOKS

Item # OCE647-CHROME



Description



Standard Categories

Laptops **Desktops**

Accessories

Base System

HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE 16W64UT
\$199.00

HP Chromebook x360 11 G3 EE 1A768UT
\$287.00

Specifications:

HP Chromebook x360 11 G3 EE

- Product Description - HP Chromebook x360 11 G3 - Education Edition - 11.6" - Celeron N4020 - 4 GB RAM - 32 GB eMMC - US
- Product Type - Chromebook - flip design
- Operating System - Google Chrome OS 64 - English
- Processor - Intel Celeron N4020 / 1.1 GHz (2.8 GHz) / 4 MB Cache
- Memory - 4 GB LPDDR4 (provided memory is soldered)
- Storage - 32 GB - eMMC
- Display - 11.6" WLED touchscreen 1366 x 768 / HD
- Graphics - Intel UHD Graphics 600
- Integrated Webcam - Yes
- Networking - 802.11a/b/g/n/ac, Bluetooth 5.0
- Battery - 2-cell - up to 13 hours
- Security - Google Security Chip H1
- Color - Chalkboard gray
- Dimensions (WxDxH) - 11.6 in x 8.1 in x 0.8 in
- Weight - 3.2 lbs
- Environmental Standards - TCO Certified Notebooks 8
- Manufacturer Warranty - Limited warranty - parts and labor - 1 year | Limited warranty - battery - 1 year

HP Chromebook 11A G8 EE

- Product Description - HP Chromebook 11A G8 - Education Edition - 11.6" - A4 9120C - 4 GB RAM - 32 GB eMMC - US
- Product Type - Chromebook
- Operating System - Chrome OS 64 - English
- Processor - AMD A4 9120C / 1.6 GHz (2.4 GHz) / 1 MB Cache
- Memory - 4 GB DDR4 (provided memory is soldered)
- Storage - 32 GB - eMMC eMMC 5.0
- Display - 11.6" WLED 1366 x 768 / HD
- Graphics - AMD Radeon R4
- Integrated Webcam - Yes
- Networking - 802.11a/b/g/n/ac, Bluetooth 4.2
- Battery - 2-cell
- Security - Google Security Chip H1
- Color - Chalkboard gray
- Dimensions (WxDxH) - 11.6 in x 8.1 in x 0.7 in
- Weight - 3.02 lbs
- Environmental Standards - TCO Certified Notebooks 8, ENERGY STAR Qualified EPEAT Silver
- Manufacturer Warranty - Limited warranty - parts and labor - 1 year | Limited warranty - battery - 1 year

Ocean View School District

BYOC (Bring Your Own Chromebook) to School Acceptable Use Agreement

Ocean View School District recognizes the educational value of electronic devices in supporting curriculum and student learning. Following this belief, the District is implementing a Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) to school program. The BYOC Agreement below outlines the provisions of bringing a personal Chromebook to school and onto the District Network. The BYOC program does not apply for students who are at home on distance learning or for students who are enrolled in the Virtual Academy.

Terms and Conditions of This Contract

1. **Minimum Requirements:** I agree to verify that the only device allowed for the BYOC program is a Chromebook, which must meet the minimum specifications below:
 - a. Chrome OS with latest updates
 - b. Minimum 5 hour battery life
 - c. Device must be charged before bringing to school
2. **Direct Electronic Communication:** All direct electronic communications must be appropriate.
 - a. The District makes no guarantee that e-mail or any communication over the District network is private. Students will only be able to e-mail their teachers with their District provided e-mail account. Students who have e-mail accounts from sources outside the school district may not use the District network to access those accounts during school hours.
 - b. The District blocks access to social networking sites on the District network. Avoid posting personal information online at all times.
 - c. Cyberbullying activities are strictly prohibited in our District. Any use of a BYOC device for cyberbullying activities or to gain access to another student's account or device may result in the revoking of BYOC privileges and disciplinary action.
 - d. **Personal Responsibility:** As a representative of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for my BYOC device, and for reporting any misuse of the network to a teacher or site administrator.
3. **Security:** Any user identified as a security risk may have their BYOC privileges revoked and may be subject to disciplinary action.
4. **Vandalism:** Students bringing a BYOC Chromebook to school do so at their own discretion. The District is not responsible for vandalism caused by another person.
5. **Updating:** It is solely the responsibility of the BYOC device user to keep their operating system and antivirus/anti-malware software up to date. The District makes no guarantee that out of date devices will function properly on the network. The District reserves the right to refuse BYOC privileges for devices that no longer update, or do not have active, up to date antivirus/anti-malware software.