

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.