



Chromebook Q&A

Why does Central Falls School District believe that a 1:1 program is important?

The need for consistent access is a priority. Technology is mentioned in 78 Common Core standards. Vital to achieving expectations established by the Common Core is for students to be literate in 21st Century standards. In addition to the traditional view of literacy our students must be information, media and visually literate. Constant access allows for these important contemporary literacies to flourish in classrooms.

Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks represent a new space in technology between tablets and laptops. As a web-based device, the Chromebook reduces the need for technical support. Student work on the Chromebook automatically saves to the cloud.

How has the Central Falls School District prepared for this initiative?

For several years the CFSD has been building its capacity to support 1:1 wireless connections. We have moved our communication, collaboration, data, assessment, and learning systems web-based delivery. We will be offering extensive professional development opportunities to our staff to effectively build upon 1:1 technology and resources.

How did we get the funds for this initiative?

The district's 1:1 initiative is being funded through the local budget.

Who owns these Chromebooks—the students or the school? What happens if my child breaks or loses his or her Chromebook?

Chromebooks that are issued as part of the 1:1 program are the property of the Central Falls School District. However, students issued a Chromebook by the school district will have access to that device 24/7 during the school year. Students will have to adhere to the Central Falls School District's policies governing the use of technology. This also includes potential damage.

The Central Falls School District believes that an Internet connected device will be a required resource for our students as they enroll in college and or enter the professional arena. With this belief in mind, the District believes that students should learn how to effectively manage a device. Students are responsible for the Chromebook's general care and content accessed through the device.

Who is responsible for updating the device (software and applications)?

The Chromebook operating system, Chrome OS, updates itself automatically. Students do not need to manually update their Chromebooks. Chromebooks provide multiple layers of



protection against viruses and malware. By logging in with their school email account Chromebooks seamlessly integrate with the Google Apps for Education suite of productivity and collaboration tools. This suite includes Google Docs (word processing), Spreadsheets, Presentations, Drawings, and Forms. Students are allowed to install appropriate Chrome web apps and extensions from the Chrome Web Store. Students are responsible for the web apps and extensions they install on their Chromebooks. Inappropriate material will result in disciplinary action.

Will the District supply my child with any Chromebook accessories, such as a protective case?

The school will provide protective cases for all students along with a charger.

In what ways will Chromebooks be used in the classroom?

It will be up to each member of the each school's faculty to determine how to incorporate Chromebooks into his or her curriculum. All teachers will have the opportunity to participate in an initial Chromebook orientation session and will receive ongoing training. Even though each instructor has discretion over the ways in which they will implement Chromebooks there are a core set of outcomes connected to the Chromebook initiative posted on the school's website.

What training and/or support will my child receive?

During the roll-out, students will receive training on appropriate use and technical capabilities, along with their Chromebook. In particular, there will be training on how to access the Google Apps suite and Chrome web store.

As a parent, what kinds of limits should I set on my child's "screen time"? How does the Chromebook affect my rules at home?

We hope that our 1:1 Chromebook program will help students learn and maintain good digital habits that will last a lifetime. Any rules that you have about computer use or Internet access should apply equally to your child's Chromebook use. However, please keep in mind that more class content will be digitized accessed via the Chromebook. This may require students to extend their screen time to meet course requirements.

Will there be Internet filters on the Chromebooks? How will these works when my child has to do research for projects or assignments on the Internet at home?

The Chromebook initiative is a joint partnership between the school, students, and their parents. The devices will be subject to the same Acceptable Use Policy restrictions and discipline procedures applied to all other technology infractions. The school's wifi filters inappropriate content, likewise Central Falls Schools will extend these filters to the home and wherever these Chromebooks connect to the Internet. At home, we encourage parents to work together with their children to monitor the access to inappropriate content



What if I still have questions?

If you still have questions...

- Visit the Chromebook page on at <http://www.cfschools.net> for further information such as announcements, FAQs, tutorials, etc.
- Attend one of our Chromebook meetings
- Maintain communication with your child or children about what they are currently working in their classes.