

Keshequa 1:1 Chromebook Program--Parent Frequently Asked Questions

Keshequa CSD is continuing to expand our Chromebook 1:1 program! The district now maintains an inventory of Chromebooks such that each student has access to one. Students in grades 7-12 will be allowed to transport these devices to and from school and home daily while students in Knd - 6th grade will be assigned their own device to bring home when needed. These devices are intended to extend and enhance learning both within and beyond the classroom in 21st century relevant ways. Our goal is for students to learn that while devices (such as computers, tablets, and cell phones) can be used for communication and entertainment, they can also open doors to inspire, create, grow, explore, and learn.

What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a laptop computer that is designed to access the internet using a Chrome browser. The majority of files and programs are stored on the web, rather than on the device itself. A Chromebook is very versatile, portable, and great for use in school and at home.

What does it cost?

Students will have access to devices free of charge. In the event of purposeful damage to the Chromebook, repayment may be required as determined by school administration. Privileges of taking a Chromebook home is at the sole discretion of the district as determined by school administration on a case by case basis.

Why are we providing students with 1:1 Chromebooks?

We believe ready access to technology is an important part for preparing students for life in the 21st Century. The Chromebook is an appropriate tool both inside and outside of the classroom. During school time, students will be actively engaged in the classroom both with and without the use of the Chromebook. Outside of school, students will be able to revisit classroom lessons, complete homework, and even communicate with their teachers in a virtual educational setting.

What can my child do to protect the Chromebook?

The school will provide guidance on general care and best practice for safe handling of the Chromebooks.

How will we ensure students are safe using their Chromebooks from home?

Use of Chromebooks at home will be under the same filtering and security policies that they are in school. Inappropriate web use will be reported automatically in a daily report to school administration.

When will Chromebooks be handed out? When will Chromebooks need to be returned?

Chromebooks will be distributed to individual students in grades 7th-12th on the 1st day of school as long as the Acceptable Use policy has been completed and is on file. New students will not be allowed to take home their Chromebook until a signed AUP is returned.

How will my child's Chromebook be tracked?

Each Chromebook comes standard from the manufacturer with a unique serial number and the district will provide each Chromebook with a unique asset tag. When a Chromebook is provided to a student, that serial number and asset tag will be associated with the student. When Chromebooks are returned at the end of the year, that number and tag must match what was originally assigned.

What if I don't want my child to take home a Chromebook?

Hesitation to allow your child to take home a school issued device is understandable. In the event that you choose not to allow your child to participate, we will have a small amount of Chromebooks available for daily loan. These Chromebooks would need to be picked up each morning and dropped off each afternoon.

What if I don't have the internet at home?

Please contact Ami Hunt by phone at 468-2900 ext 2017 to discuss internet options for your child.

Even if you are not connected to the Internet, you can still do many things with your Chromebook. You can do any of these following things offline: view, create, and edit documents, spreadsheets, or slides using the Google Drive app. You can even save websites as PDF files to view offline.

There are also affordable internet options for families in our area. To research options available to you, check with our local internet services providers or visit the following link:

<https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.htm>

Will my child have proper training on how to use the Chromebook? What about me, the parent?

Students and teachers have already learned how to use Chromebooks through their previous years at Keshequa. This learning will continue within the classroom each year as we build the digital literacy skills of our students.

We will be expanding our support opportunities for our parents as well. You can find resources on our [Information Technology page](#) of our website at www.keshequa.org.