



# GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Guardians -

Grosse Ile Township Schools is pleased to sponsor the 1-to-1 device program. Students currently eligible to participate in the 1-to-1 take-home program include ALL 6th through 12th grade students. Program participants will be issued an 11" HP Chromebook and A/C power adapter. Chromebooks will be issued to participating 9th through 12th grade students both the week before school begins (Red Devil Registration) and after the school year has begun. Chromebooks will be issued to 6th through 8th grades students shortly after the first day of school.

## DEVICE PARTICIPATION

In order to participate in this program, there are two (2) steps you will need to take each year of participation.

1. Resolve any/all outstanding technology-related debts.
2. Review and initial this form online: 1:1 Chromebook Agreement in the Parent Portal (<https://www.gischools.org/o/gits/page/parentconnect>) for each student who is to participate. This is available in the Back-to-School update or upon initial enrollment to GITS.

Secondary students of families who do not complete the above steps will not be issued, nor have access to, a GITS 1-to-1 device. However, our instructional staff remain committed to meeting the learning needs of all students regardless of participation in the 1-to-1 device program.

In addition, parents are encouraged to purchase Chromebook insurance for each child that will be issued a Chromebook. Chromebook insurance consists of a non-refundable payment in the amount of \$25 that can be made in RevTrak (<https://gischools.revtrak.net>). Students who are insured are entitled to reduced repair costs in the event that Chromebooks become damaged.

Please note that there is a sliding scale for insurance premiums for families with more than one student participating in device take-home. First child - full premium (\$25), second child - 65% premium (\$16.25), additional children - free. Deductibles are still charged at the same per-incident rate.

The GITS Board of Education has endorsed a policy that waives the device insurance premiums for families eligible for free priced meals with the National School Lunch Program, and reduces the device insurance premiums for families eligible for reduced priced meals with the National School Lunch Program.

For the upcoming school year, the insurance premium cost for students eligible for reduced-priced meals is \$5 for the family's first student participant, \$2.50 for the family's second student participant and free for additional students participating in the program. For participating students that are approved for reduced lunch, please select the appropriate payment option on the Parent Portal.

For participating students who have been approved for free lunch, please "purchase" their free insurance premium on the Parent Portal.

In the event of damage, theft or loss, parents will be invoiced for the repair/replacement of the Chromebook. The fees for these services are fixed, regardless of lunch status or other circumstances.

Please note, throughout the multiyear 1:1 program, many Chromebooks assigned to students are not new and may not have a manufacturer warranty. Students and families have five (5) school days upon receipt of the device to report any pre-existing faults or defects; otherwise, any issues reported or discovered afterwards will be covered by the deposit or insurance policy.

#### GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION ACCOUNTS

Grosse Ile Township Schools will be using Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to support our learning community in areas such as communication, productivity, collaboration and creativity.

- To learn more about Google Apps please visit <http://learn.googleapps.com/>
- To learn more about Google Apps for Education please visit:  
<https://www.google.com/edu/apps/>

Using these tools, students can collaboratively create, edit, and share files and websites for school related projects and communicate via email with other students and teachers. These services are entirely online and available 24/7 from any Internet-connected device. Examples of student use include showcasing class projects, building an electronic portfolio of school learning experiences, and working in small collaborative groups on presentations to share with others. Google accounts are provided to all students regardless of 1:1 participation, and will have selective functionality within our gischools.org domain. Parents/Guardians have access to their students' Google account usernames and passwords within MISTAR ParentConnect and can monitor and review their students' use of these services. For the upcoming year, the Google Apps students will have access to include:

- Google Calendar
- Google Classroom
- Google Contacts
- Google Drive
  - Elementary student accounts can only share files within our district / Secondary student accounts do not have this restriction
- Google Keep

- Google Mail
  - Elementary students can only send and/or receive email to/from other district accounts
  - Secondary student accounts do not have this restriction
- Google Sites
  - Elementary student accounts cannot create/edit Sites
  - Secondary student accounts can create/edit Sites
- YouTube
  - Elementary student accounts are provided heavily restricted YouTube access.
  - Secondary student accounts are provided moderate restricted YouTube access.

Google accounts are created for every GITS student. If you prefer that we do not issue a Google Apps account to your student, please provide a dated note, including student name and ID number, requesting an OPT-OUT for the Google Apps for Education account. Please note that participants in the 1:1 program must have a District-assigned Google account in order to login to the District-assigned device.

Please mail Google opt-out requests to:

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Grosse Ile Township Schools  
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Grosse Ile, MI 48138

For questions about the 1-to-1 device program, please email [John Schiesler](mailto:John.Schiesler@gischools.org).

For additional information on the GITS 1-to-1 Initiative, please visit:  
<https://www.gischools.org/page/1-1-initiative>.