



## **1:1 Chromebook Leasing Program**

### *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

#### **1. What is a Chromebook?**

Chromebooks are web-based mobile devices that share aspects of tablets and laptop computers. A Chromebook has a full-sized keyboard, clickable trackpad, all-day battery life, and built in Wi-Fi connectivity. Chromebooks do not require the high amount of maintenance and updating typical of “traditional” laptop computers.

#### **2. What software does a Chromebook run?**

Chromebook is powered by a Chrome operating system, which is an operating system designed by Google with a Linux base. Google offers millions of web-based applications that open directly in the Chromebook’s browser. Technically, all Chromebook apps and programs are running through the Chrome browser and on the Internet.

#### **3. How does the set of Chromebook productivity programs compare to Microsoft Office, for example**

Google’s app for education suite offers open source programs that are strikingly similar to Microsoft’s Word, PowerPoint, and Excel and are just as easy to use. All work is saved on Google Drive, the student’s private cloud-based storage area, meaning that all work completed by students on Chromebook can be accessed by the students from any computer of any type at any time.

#### **4. Is this Chromebook able to be used anywhere at any time?**

Yes, as long as a Wi-Fi signal is available, giving access to the Internet.

#### **5. How is the Internet filtered for students?**

Settings have been synced to all Chromebooks from the administrative account forcing Google’s “safe search” on all machines. While on campus, Chromebooks internet access is filtered by the servers at Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy. While off campus, web traffic is run back through our servers on campus. Therefore, at home, students have the same safe access as at school.

#### **6. Is an antivirus program used with this Chromebook?**

An antivirus program is not necessary on the Chromebook because there are no running programs for viruses to infect.

#### **7. Will students use Chromebooks every day and in every class?**

Teachers will create a balance between “traditional” classroom teaching and the use of this technology. Chromebook use at KDHS will be “teacher-directed.” Students will complete projects and activities using their Chromebooks.



## **8. Will Chromebooks change what the students are learning?**

Students will continue to be exposed to the KDHSA rigorous 21<sup>st</sup> curriculum that builds knowledge and challenges students through critical thinking. Like a globe, calculator, or microscope, the Chromebook is a tool that will allow students to dig “deeper” into the content, skills, and ideas they are learning.

## **9. Can we purchase our own Chromebook?**

The KDHSA policy is a lease-to-own program offered to our Owl families for Chromebooks. This gives families the ability to finance the purchase while receiving warranty coverage for repairs, safe internet browsing, and managed services by our KDHSA IT team. KDHSA is not adopting a bring-your-own-device program. We highly recommend participating in our lease-to-own program as annual state testing will occur online from this year forward. The program is currently optional in Middle School and mandatory in High School.

## **10. In the event of a storm or evacuation, Chromebooks must be returned to campus.**

If there is a storm or natural disaster event for which we need to evacuate, all Chromebooks will need to be returned and kept on our campus for insurance purposes.

## **11. If a student leaves the school, what is the protocol?**

Chromebooks are KDHSA technology for educational use with licensing, management and warranty through the school services. Thus, a student that leaves before the end of the lease buyout period will not be able to take the Chromebook upon departure. Students, who fulfill the 4 year lease payment program and are a current KDHSA student, will be offered a lease buyout option which they may use to buy the Chromebook.

## **12. What happens if a Chromebook is lost or stolen?**

Parent is fully responsible for the replacement value.

## **13. What are the KDHSA Chromebook Specifications?**

The Chromebooks are HP, 14” G4 Chromebooks. They use a Celeron N2840/2.16GHz processor.

## **14. Do we have to purchase a specific case?**

Kenner Discovery is requiring that the students transport the Chromebooks in a protective sleeve. If parents would like to buy a bag, this is also acceptable.