



Mattituck-Cutchogue Union Free School District

1:1 Chromebook Initiative

District Mission:

We are dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment where diversity, interdependence and self-discovery are valued. Educators, students, families and community members work together creating a dynamic, flexible and engaging learning process to:

- Nurture individuals' passion for life and learning
- Foster collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking
- Encourage a range of perspectives
- Promote and practice personal integrity
- As a result, students develop academic excellence, confidence, and resiliency to face future challenges in order to contribute to and inspire positive change in the local and global community.

Chromebook Q&A for Parents

Q: Will the Chromebooks be used in every class, every day?

A: We expect the Chromebooks to be used in regular, meaningful ways in some classes, but we do not expect them to be used in every class, every day. Chromebook use will depend on many things, including the subject area and the planned activity for the day. We are always looking for new ways to effectively integrate technology, but this will evolve and change over time.

Q: How are Chromebooks different than other laptops?

A: Chromebooks don't have the Windows or Apple operating systems you may be familiar with. They use the Chrome operating system and web based resources (in the cloud). This makes them quick to boot (start up) and allows the battery to last longer. The Chrome operating system integrates with both Google Drive and Google Classroom. Chromebooks are also generally less expensive than other laptops.

Q: Will students submit assignments electronically?

A: Chromebooks and Google Classroom lend themselves to paperless classrooms, so there will be some classes in which all assignments are submitted electronically. Other classes may use a hybrid model with a combination of both electronic and paper submission of assignments.

Q: Will internet access be filtered?

A: All Chromebook internet access will be filtered, whether access is from school, home, or public Wifi.

Q: How will students carry the Chromebooks around?

A: Every student will be issued a padded case to store the Chromebook. Students can use this case to transport the device from class to class.

Q: Are there accessories I need to purchase?

A: Students are expected to have their own set of earbuds with them at all times. No other accessories are required. However, students may purchase a clear case to personalize.

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Q: How and when will Chromebooks be charged?

A: Students are expected to charge their Chromebooks at home in the evening. For those students who show up to class with a low/dead battery, there are three options:

- Student uses his/her charger to plug into a wall outlet in a classroom.
- Student uses spare charger from the teacher to plug in and charge.
- There is a charging station in the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria.

Q: What is the Library Media Center?

A: The library media center will be the location for students to bring damaged Chromebooks for repair at the Jr/Sr High School. A limited number of fully charged, loaner Chromebooks will be housed there as well. All Chromebooks will be barcoded and swiped so that loaners can be given out quickly when needed.

Q: What happens when a student forgets his or her Chromebook at home?

A: Students are expected to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school every day.

Q: What happens if a student damages his or her Chromebook?

A: The student should bring the damaged Chromebook to the Library Media Center at the High school where he or she will be given a loaner until the damaged Chromebook is repaired. Cutchogue East students will work with their classroom teacher. The purchased insurance for all Chromebooks will cover the cost of repairing accidental damage. For specific information about damages and charges please refer to the Chromebook Procedures and Information Handbook for Parents and Students.

Q: What happens if a Chromebook is lost?

A: High school students should report the theft to the library or to their Guidance Counselor. Cutchogue East students/parents should report the loss to their classroom teacher. If a Chromebook cannot be found, the district will ask for the parents to fill out a police report. The completed police report must be submitted for insurance reimbursement.

Q: When will students be receiving their Chromebooks?

A: Students receive their Chromebooks during the first three weeks of school. New students will receive them during their first week in the district.

Q: Where can I get additional information about Internet Safety & Digital Citizenship?

A: We expect all students to be safe online and to use good digital citizenship practices at all times. Parents need to discuss and reinforce these practices at home as well. Here are three websites to help parents:

- Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense media.org/>
- OnGuardOnline: <http://bit.ly/2sK4dyv>
- Netsmartz: <https://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

Please check our website for more information and any updates:

www.mufsd.com