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1:1 Chromebook Initiative Handbook

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WHY 1:1 CHROMEBOOKS

As an innovative leader in academic excellence, Christ Community Lutheran School recognizes that students of this generation – “digital natives” – learn and engage in education differently than students of the past. Time and again, research has demonstrated that today’s students learn best when they are actively engaged. Technology helps engage students.

We value that our students gain familiarity with numerous platforms and engage in the learning process with a variety of learning tools. While the middle school will retain mobile carts of iPads for classroom use, this initiative will put a Chromebook in the hands of every middle school student. The personal, 1:1 environment around the clock will allow the faculty and students alike to focus on collaboration, presentation, assimilation, research and reporting. Many schools – including CCLS – have found Chromebooks to be a great solution considering price, speed, and battery life. The workhorse machines can word process, access the web, and allow full access to Google Drive and a plethora of valuable apps.

Steve Ballmer wrote, “The number one benefit of information technology is that it empowers people to do what they want to do. It lets people be creative. It lets people be productive. It lets people learn things they didn’t think they could learn before, and so in a sense it is all about potential.” He’s absolutely right. **Yet, we must remember to keep technology in the role of a servant, not a master.** Over 70 years ago, Albert Einstein warned us, “It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity. The human spirit must prevail over technology.” Our teachers strive to continuously find the right balance in our classrooms.

PURCHASING, COST, & OWNERSHIP

CCLS is making a significant investment in our students’ education by purchasing and providing Chromebooks to every middle school student. **Put simply, the Chromebook is now another ‘school supply’, one which the school is providing at no additional fee for families.** Please review the details below carefully.

The school has purchased the devices and will give each middle school student a device free of charge. The model and age of the Chromebook varies by grade level based on previous inventory. **The plan is based on the realistic expectation of a 4-year life span of the device.**

- GRADE 5: Lenovo N22 (*brand new*)
- GRADE 6: Lenovo N21 (*1 year old*)
- GRADE 7: Acer 720 (*2 years old*)
- GRADE 8: Lenovo N22 (*brand new*)

Students in Grades 5-7 will receive a device that they are expected to use for the entirety of their middle school career at CCLS. Upon graduation, that device remains owned by the student. However, if a student leaves CCLS before graduation, the Chromebook will be returned to the school.

Since the devices given to the Grade 8 students are brand new, they will remain property of CCLS and must be returned upon withdrawal or graduation.

CARE, USE, & PROTECTIVE CASES

A Chromebook is a required school supply for students at CCLS middle school. Students are responsible for the care and protection of their own device. **Chromebooks must be kept in an approved case at all times, which families are responsible to provide.** As students may transport their device home each evening for use, charging, and safekeeping, it is prudent to provide a sufficient case to prevent damage. Alternatively, a locked locker or a cart at school is a good solution for storage each evening if 1) the student's Chromebook does not need charging, 2) there is suitable storage space available, and 3) a similar device is accessible at home that can access Google.

Below is a list of approved Chromebook cases. They vary in price from around \$12-\$50 (with discount) depending on the device. Remember that in general you get the protection you pay for. It is suggested that families purchase a case online or in-store; otherwise, the school has a limited supply of cases available for viewing or purchasing in the school office. **Chromebooks will be distributed to students beginning on Charger Night who have a case in hand to immediately protect the device.**

NOTE: Be certain to purchase a case that correlates with your child's grade level device.

MAX CASES: [website](#) and [video](#)

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[Grades 5 & 8 Lenovo N22](#)

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[Grade 7 Acer 720](#)



GUMDROP CASES: [website](#) and [video](#)

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DAMAGE, REPAIR, & INSURANCE

Chromebook initiatives are common in schools around the globe. Research says that somewhere around 15-20% of devices may experience damage due to careless use. **However, with a recommended case, reasonable care, and sound judgement, students can avoid significant – and all – damage.**

A new Chromebook with school managing software retails for around \$200 with a school discount. Standard repairs can range from \$50-\$150. **Families have the option of purchasing insurance for a device through CCLS for an annual fee of \$30**, payable through a family's TADS account. Parents may seek their own insurance vendor as well. Online insurance vendors do exist, such as [Worth Ave Group](#), if a family should pursue that route. Details of the CCLS coverage limits are below:

CCLS INSURANCE COVERAGE LIMITS	
ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE	YES
LIQUID SUBMERSION	YES
POWER SURGE DUE TO LIGHTNING	YES
THEFT & VANDALISM COVERAGE	NO
CLAIMS PER SCHOOL YEAR	2
DEDUCTIBLE	\$0
POLICY TERM	1 school year
SCHOOL YEAR PREMIUM	\$30

CCLS insurance does not cover total loss, including theft and vandalism. Any problems with the Chromebook should be reported as soon as practical. This can be done by informing a teacher or administrator about the issue so it can be addressed in a timely manner. Whenever possible, a used Chromebook will be loaned to the student for use while the issue is fixed. If families would like to pursue repair on their own, a recommended local repair company is [CPR](#) on Watson Rd. in Crestwood. CPR has offered a discount for CCLS families.

GENERAL USAGE INFORMATION

Student use of the Chromebook falls under the guidelines of the school's Acceptable Use Policy for Using Technology. When at school, access to the internet is monitored through our school's content filter and all rules and expectations are applied to the use of the Chromebook. All applications, activity and documents stored on the Chromebook are subject to regular review and monitoring. Parents are encouraged to supervise internet usage at home!



STORING & TRANSPORTING DEVICES

Chromebooks should be stored in a locked locker or a charging cart, if available, when not in use at school. Under no circumstances should a device be left in unsupervised areas, including the dining hall, locker rooms, gym, unlocked classrooms, restrooms, or any other area on campus.

Students may transport their Chromebook home in the evening to use and charge at night. (CCLS recommends that the students charge their Chromebooks overnight on the kitchen counter!) Please keep the device in an approved case at all times, especially during transportation. *Keep in mind that any device at home that can access Google can serve a similar purpose as the Chromebook!*