



Dear Parents,

As you know the Richland School District features a 1:1 Chromebook initiative. A big part of the initiative is providing students with access to technology to use in class and at home. Going 1:1 with Chromebooks has allowed our students to acquire much-needed technology skills while gaining access to a world-class education.

Some desired outcomes of our 1:1 initiative is the opportunity for 24/7 learning, providing all students 21st-century technology and research skills, allowing access to digital content that provides multiple pathways to learning, and assisting students in obtaining digital citizenship.

In an ongoing effort to extend learning opportunities and provide students access to technology, the Richland School District is changing the procedures for the 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Students and parents will now only be required to fill out the [Richland School District Responsible Use Policy & Chromebook Procedures and Guidelines](#) one time during grades 6-8 and one time during grades 9-12, rather than the current policy of filling out the form on a yearly basis.

The second procedure change will be once the Chromebooks are checked out to the students they are theirs to keep year round or until they are required to turn them in. Your student will only be required to turn his or her Chromebook in:

1. At the end of their 8th grade year.
2. At the end of their 12th grade year.
3. If they are leaving the Richland School District.
4. If their Chromebook reaches its end of life (Students will be notified and their Chromebook will be replaced)

Damaged or faulty Chromebooks needing repair will be swapped out at any time in the library for one in working order.

If you purchased insurance, it will cover the Chromebook year round. You will need to purchase insurance every year for your student's Chromebook. Summer assistance for Chromebook issues is available at the Richland School District IT building at 621 Snow Ave, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Students may opt out of summer checkout by turning their Chromebooks into their school libraries at the end of the school year but are encouraged to keep them to extend their learning.

The Richland School District believes that all students should be safe and responsible when using technology. Students and parents/guardians can find the Richland School District Digital Citizenship Curriculum at <https://sites.google.com/rsd.edu/rsd-digital-citizenship/curriculum>. Students and parents/guardians that are participating in the take-home program are encouraged to sit down and review the digital citizenship materials.

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