

# Los Alamitos Unified School District



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Dear Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lee Parents,

We are very excited to share that **our students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in the 2019-20 school year.** This amazing home-school partnership affords students with the opportunity to become proficient in the use of digital devices as learning resources prior to entering middle school. A BYOD program is a classroom or school where every child has a Chromebook that is fully integrated into his or her instruction throughout the school day. The device then goes home with them at night to continue and extend the learning.

A BYOD program does not mean your child will spend their entire day glued to technology. Instead, the technology is used as a tool to enhance instruction by allowing for active research, communication, the use of multimedia, real-time assessment and feedback via student response systems, and the digitalization of classwork and homework. The teacher still plays a critical role in designing and facilitating learning - albeit via a digital platform.

Beginning in third grade, student devices will be stored securely in your child's classroom and can safely be transported to and from school in your child's backpack each day. This also means any incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grader would participate in the BYOD program as both a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student. Increasingly, the middle and high schools are advising students to bring their personal devices to school as instructional tools. The Los Alamitos School District has a policy which allows the open use of digital devices on its campuses.

We recommend purchasing a Chromebook with these technology requirements:

Minimum 11-inch screen

2GB RAM(memory); 4GB recommended

Wireless Adapter - Wireless 5GHz Dual-Band minimum, Wireless 802.11AC highly recommended

PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT BYOD WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS: <https://www.losal.org/domain/1582>.

There are many great device options available. At Lee, we have found success with the Acer C771 model. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE...**the Acer C720 is no longer supported by Google and will not properly function at school. **The most important specification is the 802.11ac high-speed wireless connection** which allows your child's home device to connect with our site's wi-fi with protective firewalls.

I look forward to your student being a part of this exciting program! Be sure to have your child bring their fully-charged Chromebook to school on the first day! Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Warmly,

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