



Dear Parents & Guardians,

You may know that the Kennewick School District (KSD) community voted to support a four-year technology levy that will provide a digital device to every student in the district by the year 2022.

***As part of this initiative, your child will be assigned a Chromebook this school year.***

To move forward with the process, we require that parents follow the instructions on the next page that walk you through logging in to Parent Portal and electronically accepting/declining insurance and a link to pay.

Additional information about student use expectations, safety, and care are included in the Chromebook manual that parents will review prior to signing the permission form.

*Chromebooks will be checked out through your student's English class. If your student does not currently have an English class, please inform your student to stop by the library during the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>, to check out a Chromebook.*

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

##### **What is the purpose of this technology initiative?**

Learning, work, and citizenship in today's world demand our graduates responsibly, ethically, and capably apply a variety of technology skills. By providing each secondary student a Chromebook computer to use at school and at home, KSD intends to enable an engaging, collaborative, self-directed, and empowering learning environment that supports students' preparation for fulfilling ever changing vocational needs beyond high school.

##### **How will the district monitor safe student use?**

Parent involvement is key for keeping students safe online. The district will make every effort to equip families with the necessary tools and information to ensure safe use of the digital devices in the home. In addition, website filtering services provided in our schools are in compliance with minimum federal regulations for protection of students. These filtering services remain in place on Chromebooks even when they are used away from school.

##### **How is the district preparing teachers to use them in the classroom?**

Teachers in your child's school have received professional development and training this summer on how to effectively integrate the use of the Chromebooks into lesson plans.

##### **How do I purchase insurance on the Chromebook?**

As part of signing the electronic permission form you will have the option to purchase insurance.

In support of our goals to prepare our students for the future, we are thankful to have this opportunity to provide access to technology for each of our students and look forward to a successful implementation of this one-to-one initiative during the next few years.

Sincerely,

Kennewick School District