



Mustang High School Families,

MHS is excited to announce that we have finished the distribution process for the 1:1 initiative for students in grades 9-12. This means that every student in grade 9-12 will have had the opportunity to check out a chromebook that is theirs to use daily both at school and at home for school designated work.

If your child elected to not take a district issued device, they will need to bring a similar device (a cell phone is not an approved device for educational purposes) starting tomorrow, **November 17**. We will use the next three days to train our students and remind them to bring their device **everyday**. If your child doesn't have a device on a daily basis, they will not be able to complete their school work. The chromebooks won't be allowed to be kept at school in any fashion. The district has provided the opportunity for devices, insurance on the devices, and has also allowed those who want to bring their own device to do so. One of those options will be required to be utilized.

The devices are being checked out to each student through our district inventory system (Destiny), just like a textbook. If your child was absent or has changed their mind about getting a district issued Chromebook, they may stop by the media center at any time starting tomorrow morning.

Charging the device will be the students responsibility on a daily basis; our devices are capable of a full day's work battery on a single charge. The students should remember to charge their device nightly so that they have a working device for the next day of school work. Charging stations will not be available at school.

Students and parents/guardians are held responsible for keeping up with this device, this would include keeping it safe from damage of any kind. While the district does maintain warranty and service agreement for repair of these devices, the students or parents/guardians could be held responsible for any malicious damage to or loss of the device. Average Cost for a lost device is \$300 per unit.

- **Device Alteration:** Students should not alter the appearance of any MPS device, this would include applying any stickers, writing/markings on the device or removing any existing district stickers/markings from the device.
- **Chargers:** Chargers are to be left at home (not brought to school). The district does not allow students to bring their chargers to school in order to charge the device.
- **Technical Issues:** Should a device have a technical issue, the student should take their device to their building's media center as soon as possible in order to get the device repaired/changed out as quickly as possible.
- **Internet Filtering:** While Chromebooks are considered in high regards by [security experts](#), content filtering is just as important to support a safe environment while ensuring our students have access to the

appropriate learning tools they need. MPS issued student device internet access is filtered according to CIPA standards while on network and off the MPS network.

- **Connectivity/Offline Use:** Devices are designed so that if internet access is not available, the device can be used offline and when the device is able to access the internet again, data will sync back to google. MPS is unable to provide internet connectivity to families at this time, but are looking for additional funding sources to allow this on a limited/as-needed basis.
- **Device Access:** Only Mustangps.org user accounts are able to be used to log into the device, no personal or non Mustang accounts may be used.
- **Student Email Access:** Students in grades 7-12 have email accounts setup within the mustangps.org email system. This is a closed loop system, meaning they only have access to email mustangps.org email accounts and only receive emails from those accounts in addition to receiving notifications from Canvas or SeeSaw LMS.
- **Google Extensions:** Students will not be able to install extensions or addons other than those that are pre-approved and allowed by the District.
- **Device Return:** Students will be required to turn these devices in at the end of the school year or when they unenroll from the district.
- **Device Monitoring:** All Students google accounts are being monitored by BARK, this monitoring is looking for content in the areas of Profanity, Violence, Bullying, Drug/Alcohol-Related Content, Sexual Content, Depression, Self-Harm or Suicidal Content, Hate Speech, Weapons, etc.
- **Device Cleaning:** Proper cleaning of the devices is recommended in order to help keep the device clean and free of spreading germs/viruses. Any cleaning spray should NEVER be sprayed directly on the chromebook. Spraying of cleaning (antivirus/antibacterial spray) should be sprayed or applied to a cleaning cloth first, and then the device wiped down. Clorox or Lysol wipes should not be used on the screen as those chemicals can cause damage to the screen of the chromebook.
- **Cases/Bags:** Cases/bags are not being issued with the devices. This is a cost that the District is unable to incur at this time.

Thanks,

Mustang High School Administration