



2023-24 Chromebook Requirements Grades 5-8

Swift Students in 5th-8th grades participate in a bring-your-own Chromebook program.

What are the advantages of a student-owned Chromebook at Swift?

- To provide a common platform to enhance collaboration and learning
- To develop habits that strengthen executive skills and promote life-long learning
- To allow student access to the same device at home and at school

What are the specifications for a student-purchased Chromebook?

- The device must be a Chromebook - no other operating system is acceptable.
- 11"-13" screen with a full keyboard (10" is too small)
- 8 GB of RAM
- 7-8 hour battery
- Touchscreen display (REQUIRED)
- 64 GB storage space. (Chromebooks are cloud-based, and most files are not stored locally.)
- **Manufactured no earlier than 2022. Chromebooks have an Auto Update Expiration (AUE) date of 4-6 years. Here is a link to [Google's auto update policy page](#).**

What Chromebook model does Swift School recommend?

Chromebooks for education that fit our specifications currently sell for \$330-\$450. We recommend the **Dell Chromebook 3110 or the Chromebook 3110 2-in-1 Education (11")**. The **Auto Update Expiration (AUE) for both of these Chromebooks is June 2030**.

My son/daughter already owns a laptop. May he/she use a laptop instead of a Chromebook?

No. It is necessary for each student to have a Chromebook.

What if my child's Chromebook breaks?

If a Chromebook breaks, the student is welcome to bring the device to the Swift School IT Office for a diagnostic assessment. If hardware repairs are needed, the student's family will be responsible for getting the Chromebook repaired in a timely manner. If available, the student will receive a short-term loaner to be used at school only.



Are students permitted to leave their Chromebooks at school overnight?

Students are not allowed to leave their Chromebooks overnight at school. One advantage of a student-owned program is that students are able to use the same device at home and at school. Students are expected to bring their Chromebooks to school fully charged every day and take them home every evening. Consistent with the handbook policy, the school is not responsible for personal property left in the building.

What should I do to protect my child's device?


Establishing routines for safely handling and storing the Chromebook will increase longevity. With care, a Chromebook could last 4+ years. **We strongly recommend parents purchase a protective case designed specifically for your model. We also recommend parents consider purchasing an accidental damage plan.**

Please clearly label the Chromebook with your child's first and last name.

My child's Chromebook arrived. How do we set it up?

Swift's Responsible Use Policy states that Swift accounts may be used for educational purposes only. Parents will be invited to meet with Mr. Greenwald to set up new Chromebooks during the pre-planning assessment days in early August. More information will be provided soon.

If you desire to set up your Chromebook prior to this event, please review this video. Chromebooks allow you to set up a Parent (supervisory) account that controls the ability to add additional accounts and manage settings. Should you choose to set up the Chromebook as a 'Parent', you will need your Family Link app and password in order to add your child's Swift account when you meet with Mr. Greenwald.

 [How to Set Up Your New Chromebook Dell \(Official Dell Tech Support\)](#)

Find more information on the Tech Resources for Parents website:

<https://sites.google.com/theswiftschool.org/tech>.

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