



Future-Ready 1:1 Program

What is the Future-Ready 1:1 Program?

Starting next school year, all middle school students will be assigned their own one-to-one (1:1) Chromebooks in protective cases. They'll use the device throughout their school day to support learning and take it home for anytime, anywhere learning.

To ensure 1:1 would be a good fit for NTPS students and staff, Aspire and Salish Middle Schools participated in a pilot during second semester of the 2017-2018 school year. The trial with over 1,000 students was successful and the district approved expansion to all middle schools this coming school year.

Why 1:1 at NTPS?

"All Students Empowered and Future-Ready" is our vision for North Thurston Public Schools. With our students growing up in an increasingly digital world, it's essential that they have powerful digital learning tools coupled with strong digital citizenship instruction to participate in our 21st century society.

With this in mind, the Future-Ready 1:1 Program will ensure that **all students** will have equitable, safe, and reliable access to digital instructional tools to support learning anytime and anywhere.

What about other NTPS schools?

Dependent on the results of the rollout and funding, NTPS anticipates expanding the Future-Ready 1:1 Program to all high schools during the 2019-2020 school year.

At this time, NTPS has no plans to pursue a 1:1 take home program at our elementary schools. Our elementary students will continue to use building and classroom based devices to support instruction at school.

Why middle schools first?

The current district plan is to implement the Future Ready 1:1 Program in our middle schools first, then our high schools the following year. With that in mind, we want to prepare our middle school students first for an easy transition into the high school 1:1 program. Our middle schools also have the highest density of existing chromebooks, significantly reducing costs to pursue 1:1 at these grade levels first.

When will it begin?

We're targeting the first two weeks of school for the devices to go home. This summer, each school will be contacting families to let them know their specific start dates and additional details for the Future-Ready 1:1 Program.

Why chromebooks?

NTPS selected Chromebooks as our primary student device as a cost-effective solution to increase access to digital learning resources for students. NTPS Chromebooks are semi-ruggedized, reliable, and secure devices that offer students and staff access to the internet as well as a strong suite of collaboration tools via Google Apps to support student achievement.





How is this program being paid for?

As good stewards of our financial resources, NTPS has invested in this program using existing funding already provided by the state and our local community.

What happens if my student's device is lost, stolen, or damaged?

Families will have the option to pay a small fee to buy into a NTPS 1:1 Assurance program that will completely cover or reduce repair costs depending on the number of incidents. More details on the assurance program will be provided before school starts.

What can my child access on the device when it goes home?

Student safety on the internet is critically important for NTPS. All devices will have website filtering in place that will restrict harmful content anywhere the device is used. Digital citizenship resources will be provided to help families support their students' safe and responsible use of their devices outside of school.

How can I learn more about the Future-Ready 1:1 Program?

Schools will be providing additional information and scheduling parent nights to discuss the program before the start of next year. Please keep an eye out for those communications and also refer to our Future-Ready 1:1 website at:

www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/futureready



"If learning is an act of exploration then technology equips the explorer for the journey of a lifetime." – John Maschuk

