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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share the plan for collection of Chromebooks and Hotspots, summer access to devices and to provide details about the Chromebook 1:1 program for the fall. Please review the appropriate sections below for this important information.

Collection of Chromebooks and Hotspots

Kindergarten - Grade 4

All Chromebooks currently assigned to students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 4 will be collected at the end of the school year. Schools will communicate the specific dates for this collection. Please be sure to send chargers and protective cases with the Chromebook for collection.

Grade 5 - 11

Students in Grades 5 - 11 should keep their assigned Chromebook and charger over the summer and bring it to school on the first day of school in the fall. We recommend that the Chromebook be turned on and used periodically so that necessary updates can be applied, keeping the Chromebook ready for the fall. Please do not keep the Chromebook plugged in all summer, as this may damage the battery causing it to not maintain a charge in the fall.

Grade 12

Grade 12 students must turn in Chromebooks before picking up their cap and gown on June 16th. Students may drop off their Chromebook and charger in the library before June 16th or at the cap and gown pickup event on June 16th

Hotspots

All hotspots will be automatically disabled on June 25th and must be turned in at the end of the school year.

Summer Access

Kindergarten - Grade 4

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 that do not have access to a computer at home, and need a computer to complete school related activities, may request a Chromebook through the school. Chromebooks will be prepared and made available for pick-up beginning on July 19th.



Hotspots

Students in any grade that do not have access to home Internet, may request a hotspot through your school. Hotspots will be prepared after collection and ready for pick-up beginning on July 19th. There is a limited supply of Hotspots. They will be distributed in the order in which they are requested.

Fall 2021 Chromebook Program

Kindergarten - Grade 2

In September, students in Kindergarten through Grade 2, will have a Chromebook assigned that is stored in a cart in the classroom. Grade 2 students will be allowed to take home their Chromebook for specific assignments as requested by the teacher.

Grade 3 - 12

All students in Grades 3 - 12 will have a Chromebook assigned to be taken home each night and brought to school each day charged. There will not be storage in the school for these chromebooks overnight.

A note about high school

Historically, Fox Lane High School students have had the option to “opt out” of the Chromebook assignment and use a personal computer in school. With the growing use of testing apps and other instructional software that must be used on District managed Chromebooks, all Fox Lane High School Students will be required to take a Chromebook in the fall. Students may continue to use a personal computer in school, when the assignment or assessment does not require the use of the school Chromebook.

If you have questions about anything described above, parents should contact their school or send an email to parenttechsupport@bcsdny.org.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

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