

Smart Schools Investment Plans

1:1 Initiative
10/15/2019



Background

The NYS Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) was passed in the 2014-15 enacted budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

The Act authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State.

The Grand Island Central School District was allocated \$1,629,396 for this purpose.



Proposed Four Year 1:1 Roll out Plan

Year 1 (17-18) – All District teachers and Grades 3 & 5

Year 2 (18-19) – Grades 4, 6, 7 and one High School department

Year 3 (19-20) – Grades 8 and 1:1 in the High School

Year 4 (20-21) – Grades K, 1 and 2



Annual Sustainability

A replacement plan for devices purchased with Smart Schools money will come from various funding lines including Textbook funding, Title grants, BOCES projects and the general fund.



Smart Schools Investment Plan #1 Total - \$206,250

BOE approved April 3, 2017

Application 1 Expenditures:

- Teacher chromebooks - \$82,500
- Grade 3 & 5 chromebooks - \$123,750

State approve January 2018



Smart Schools Investment Plan #2 Total - \$800,000

BOE approved May 7, 2018

Application 2 Expenditures:

Year 2 (2018-2019)

- Grade 4, 6, 7 and one HS department chromebooks & carts - \$361,000
- Non Public School allocation- \$39,000

Year 3 (2019-2020)

- HS 1:1 chromebooks & cases - \$400,000
- Grade 8 chromebooks and carts



State approve June 2019



**1,655
Chromebooks
processed
summer 2019**



New Roll-out Plan 2019-2020

After discussions with MS faculty, administration and Technology committee, it was decided to allow students beginning in 6th grade, to take the device home.

A Smart School amendment will be made to shift funding from charging carts to devices and cases.

Early November, chromebooks will be delivered to MS & HS students in cases in their homeroom.



New Roll-out Plan 2019-2020

Parent meetings will be offered later in October for parents to learn about the program and the responsibilities that come with using the District provided device.



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Chromebook Handbook

GICSD Chromebook Handbook

- Both parents and students will need to annually sign the *Chromebook Use Pledge*
- Chromebooks will be returned to the District each summer for maintenance and a visual inventory check
- In most cases, the same chromebook will be issued to the student in the fall
- Chromebook repair or replacement costs will be the responsibility of the parent
- The District will strongly encourage parents to purchase annual insurance to cover accidental damage to the chromebook



GICSD Chromebook Handbook

- Chromebook usage may vary from classroom to classroom based on teacher decisions
- Disciplinary actions may be taken on students who inappropriately use their device
- Students must keep track of their device at all times and not leave it unattended



Questions?

