

1:1 Chromebook Program for Middle Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Since 2013, the Redlands Unified School District (RUSD) has been committed to enhancing students' access to technology by providing classroom sets of laptops for students in elementary schools, as well as in English language arts, math, social studies, and science classes at secondary schools. This initiative has made a positive impact on our students' engagement with instructional technology district-wide. However, as we prepare all students for college and career readiness, we recognize the value of expanding access to technology, including use at home.

To support this goal, we are excited to pilot a 1:1 Chromebook Program for middle schools, starting with Beattie Middle School. This pilot program will equip each Beattie student with a personal Chromebook, providing a consistent digital learning tool for use in all classes *and* at home. Chromebooks will be checked out to students as part of their mandatory school supplies. This device will go from school to home every day so that students can utilize it to complete assignments and further their learning. These devices are to be used as an instructional resource and as a tool to help accelerate learning for students.

The 1:1 Chromebook Program aims to cultivate a school environment that emphasizes digital literacy, critical thinking, collaborative opportunities, and essential skills that all students will need in the future. We appreciate your support in this endeavor and look forward to a successful launch.

For more information regarding Chromebooks and our technology initiatives, please visit the *Innovation, Technology, and Accountability* section on our district website: https://www.redlandsusd.net/departments/educational-services-information/innovation-technology-and-accountability.

Respectfully,

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