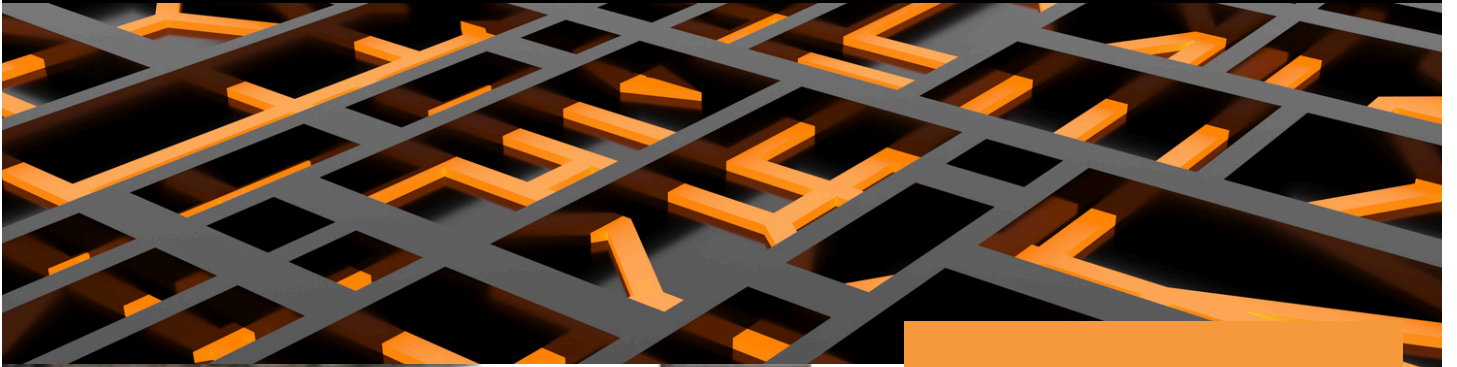




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IMPORTANT UPDATE: Changes to Google Consent Policies

This message concerns upcoming changes to Google's Consent Policies for "Additional Google Services":

In March, Google Workspace for Education will implement changes regarding access to Google Services outside of the core products Workspace provides, requiring districts to receive parental consent prior to each service being allowed to be enabled. While we expect the impact to learning to be minimal, it is something we wanted to make our faculty and staff aware of, as they may encounter this issue after the break.

Technology Directors have already been communicating in regards to how these changes will impact our districts and what it means for our student's data privacy in the long-term, but Diman is already taking steps to resolve this issue for next school year and moving forward.



“Additional Google Services” What does this mean and what will it affect?

Google signs a Student Data Privacy Agreement, but it only covers Google Workspace's "Core Services" -- Basic functions such as Email and Google Drive.

Additional Services constitutes any other Google products that may be in use, even if they are being used for educational purposes.

Basically, Google cannot ensure the data will not be used/sold, so they are now requiring parental consent for student use of these products.

- **Bookmarks** - Functionality does not appear to be lost
- **YouTube** - The site is blocked, but embedded videos still play in workspace services (e.g., Classroom, Slides).
- **Groups** - The site is blocked, but group emails are still being received.
- **Translate** - The site is blocked, but the translation feature still works via Chrome's "More Options" (three-dot) menu.
- **Google Photos**
- **Google Playstore**
- **Google Web Store**

Colby's Chromebook Corner

Chromebook Support by the Numbers:

Since the first day of school, we have a total of 180 Chromebook swaps for any reason:

- 37 Swaps for broken screens
- 7 Swaps for other damage
- 14 Devices that were lost
- 77 Insurance claims have been filed on damaged devices

Just a reminder that the district does not provide "Loaners": Students are responsible for bringing their Chromebook charged to school each day and treated like a text book. Dedicated repair times are during 3rd period on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library. If the issue is not directly impacting student learning IT asks students are not sent down for repairs outside of this window

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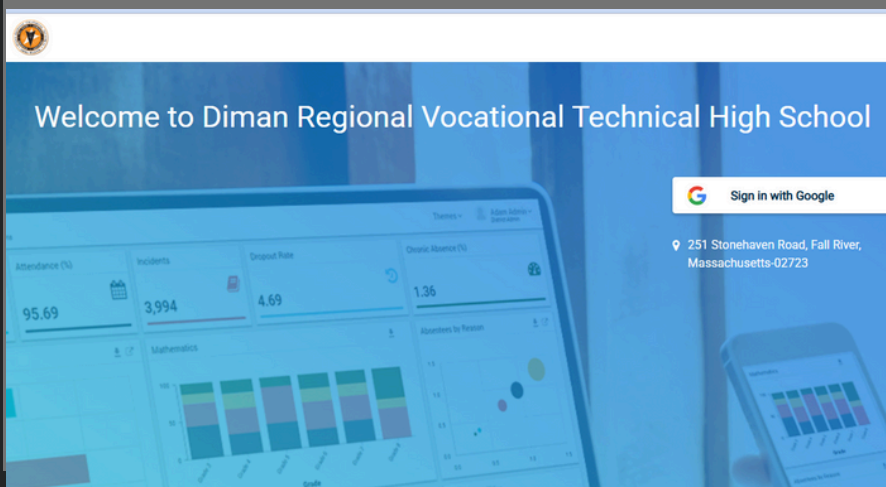


NOTES:

- **Dedicated Chromebook repair 3rd Period Tues & Thurs. in Library**
- **Chromebook "Loaners" are not provided for students who forgot their device**
- **While we do not hold students responsible for accidental damage, when explaining device damage they need to be clear on exactly how it occurred**

In the Works:

Recently approved, a new platform is in the process of being implemented that will give educators access to key metrics and data in an actionable view! A pilot group is being developed with the intention that this service will be available to ALL of our users for next year!



Anything Else?!

- **Pilot users will be contacted over the break with an introduction**
- **Windows 10 will be EOL (End of Life) in October 2025**
 - **ALL** Devices will need to be turned in during the summer break for updates
- **Please be vigilant in regards to students using electronic devices outside what the district provides to them.**

Please email any support requests or concerns to helpdesk@dimanregional.org. Any website changes or updates can be sent to webmaster@dimanregional.org.