2025-26 Chromebook Frequently Asked Questions
Grades 5-8

Swift Students in 5th-8th grades participate in a bring-your-own Chromebook program.

What are the advantages of a student-owned Chromebook at Swift?

- To provide a common platform to enhance collaboration and learning
- To allow student access to the same device at home and at school

My son/daughter already owns a laptop. May he/she use a laptop instead of a Chromebook?

No. It is necessary for each student to have a Chromebook.

What if my child's Chromebook breaks?

If a Chromebook breaks, please bring the device to the Swift School IT Office for a diagnostic assessment. If hardware repairs are needed, the student's family will be responsible for getting the Chromebook repaired in a timely manner. If available, the student will receive a short-term loaner to be used at school only.

Are students permitted to leave their Chromebooks at school overnight?

Students are not allowed to leave their Chromebooks overnight at school. Students are expected to bring their Chromebooks to school fully charged every day and take them home every evening. Consistent with the handbook policy, the school is not responsible for personal property left in the building.

What should I do to protect my child's device?

With care, a Chromebook could last 4+ years. **We strongly recommend parents purchase a protective case designed specifically for your model. The most common damage to Chromebooks is a cracked or damaged screen. We also recommend parents consider purchasing an accidental damage plan. Please clearly label the Chromebook with your child's first and last name.**

My child's Chromebook arrived. How do we set it up?

When you set up the Chromebook, please select "**For a Child**". On the next page, select "**Child's school account**". You will need your child's Swift username and password. This will be provided along with in-person assistance during the assessment day in early August. If you prefer to set up a Family Link (parental controls) account, please make a 15-minute appointment. The schedule and additional information will be forthcoming.

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What are the specifications for a student-purchased Chromebook?

- The device must be a Chromebook - no other operating system is acceptable.
- 11”-13” screen with a full keyboard (10” is too small)
- 4GB of RAM required (8GB of RAM RECOMMENDED)
- 7-8 hour battery
- **Touchscreen display (REQUIRED)**
- 32 GB storage space REQUIRED (64 GB of storage RECOMMENDED)
- **Manufactured no earlier than 2024. Chromebooks have an Auto Update Expiration (AUE) date. Please use this link to verify: Google’s auto update policy page.**

What Chromebook model does Swift School recommend?

Chromebooks for education that fit our specifications currently sell for $360-$450. We recommend the **Dell Chromebook 3110, Dell Chromebook 3110 2-in-1 Education (11”), Dell Chromebook 3120, Dell Chromebook 3120 2-in-1 Education (11”). The Auto Update Expiration (AUE) for these Chromebooks is at least June 2030.**

What accessories are needed?

Check for compatibility with your Chromebook (USB vs USB-C). Adaptors are also available.

- Headphones are required (in-line microphone recommended).
- Bluetooth mouse is highly recommended.

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