

GR 5 School-Provided Device

What You Need to Know About Your Child's School-Provided Device

Overview

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, Meadowridge provides each Grade 5 student with a school-issued device. This change marked a shift from our previous practice, in which families were responsible for purchasing a device for school and home use. Students now receive a Lenovo Chromebook for classroom learning.

This Initiative Responds To

- A growing call to act on child mental health in relation to technology use and screen time.
- A pedagogical commitment to intentional and developmentally appropriate use of technology.

Device Details

- Model: Lenovo Chromebook
- System: ChromeOS (English Language)
- Features: Lightweight, cloud-based, web-optimized device

Device Managed By

Devices will be managed by our IT department to ensure ongoing maintenance and software updates, safe and secure browsing aligned with school policies, and classroom-appropriate application access.

Digital Citizenship and Expectations

Students will engage in lessons around digital citizenship, responsible use, and online safety. We believe in equipping learners not only with tools, but with the values and habits that promote respectful, ethical, and balanced technology use. Expectations for device care, appropriate usage, and digital conduct will be reviewed with students during the setup process.

What else do I need?

Don't underestimate the value in a good laptop bag. Since the laptop will occasionally be transported to and from school they may get bumped along the way.

Pedagogical Purpose

This initiative supports a shift in our teaching and learning practices by promoting intentional technology use rather than default use, emphasizing balance and student wellbeing, and aligning with Meadowridge's broader curricular goals and IB philosophy.

Timing and Distribution

Upon arrival, the technology team will check and set up each device to ensure it is ready for use. Following setup, the devices will be **distributed to Grade 5 students** and implemented in their classes, with support provided to both students and teachers for a smooth and confident start.

Home Use and School-Home Partnership

While the primary use of the device is for school-based learning, there may be occasional homework tasks or projects that require access at home. We encourage families to help reinforce healthy screen time boundaries and provide a quiet, distraction-free environment. Together, we can nurture lifelong digital habits grounded in mindfulness, balance, and purpose.

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These devices were made possible thanks to the generous support of our community through the Annual Fund. Your contributions directly impact our students' learning experience by providing the essential technology they need to succeed every day. We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to enhancing education.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our IT Department
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