

Question and Answers for
Oakland CUSD #5 1:1 Chromebook Program

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Q: What are the minimum requirements we will need at home in order to properly utilize the Chromebooks?

A: Bandwidth required
2.6 Mbps Default high quality setting results in the best user experience
1.5 Mbps
1.0 Mbps
0.5 Mbps Results in a poor viewer experience and is not recommended

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Q: Are the Chromebooks just for remote learning, in-person learning, or both?

A: The Chromebooks are to be used in all aspects of learning. Just as the district issues each student a math book, we will now be issuing each student a Chromebook as well. They are to bring the Chromebook to school everyday and to each class with them every period. They will be used if we are in-person or remote.

Q: My students have their own personal Chromebook, will they need to use the one issued by the school or can they use their own personal one?

A: During school hours, no matter the location, students will need to use the school issued Chromebook. When students use their own Chromebook, we are not able to push material out to them or utilize our filtering system for safety and security purposes. Outside of school hours, they can use their own Chromebook.

Q: Can the 1:1 program be used as a remote learning option on snow days and sick days.

A: If the school is forced to go to remote learning during the COVID situation, the Chromebooks will definitely be used as a learning option. The Illinois State Board of Education does allow for remote learning days on days when a district would cancel School due to bad weather. However, we would first have to offer Chromebooks to all grades before we could apply for that program. Once all students have a Chromebook, there would be some additional hoops we would have to jump through to apply. Right now, the State does not offer a program where a student could learn remotely when they are sick and still have it count as a day of attendance.

Q: Will there be suggestions on what type of cases we should get and where we can get them?

A: There are two types you can consider; a protective case and a carrying case/sleeve. A protective case is a hard plastic case that snaps onto both sides of the Chromebook like an outer-shell. A carrying case/sleeve offers less protection than a protective case. They are usually made of cloth or synthetic fiber and sometimes have a handle. They are similar to a “Trapper Keeper” for a Chromebook. The Chromebook’s Oakland CUSD #5 is utilizing are the Lenovo 100e. It’s dimensions are 11.5” x 8”.

Q: Could a class or organization sell cases or sleeves as a fundraiser.

A: That is a good idea. We will talk about it in-house and see if that is an option someone may want to consider.