



# Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools

## Technology 1:1 Communication FAQ

### ALL STAKEHOLDERS

<p>Why are we making this change?</p>	<p><i>Over the past four years, we have considered and planned for the implementation of 1:1. It is part of our strategic plan because we know that technology can take learning to a higher level for our students. These Chromebooks will allow our teachers and students to be creative, engaged, and prepared for the demands of the future. We want our students to have every opportunity possible to be successful adults.</i></p>
<p>How are we going to sustain the program?</p>	<p><i>We have secured funding available through the State Technology Advancement Account. The repair fund/tech fee for damages will ensure that we can maintain the equipment during the 4-year life cycle. We are asking our students and teachers to help us sustain the technology and make it meaningful - investing in professional development and student technology teams.</i></p>
<p>When will this be implemented?</p>	<p><i>Planning and preparation began with a team of teachers and leaders in October 2015. During 2016-2017 school year, Chromebook devices were shared with all buildings for teachers and students to explore and learn. The first 1:1 phase began at the MS during the 2017-2018 school year for grades 6-8. The second phase included the HS during the 2018-2019 school year. Finally, the third phase will be implemented at the Elementary schools during the 2019-2020 school year. All elementary students in grade K-5 will have a Chromebook assigned to them. During the first year, the Chromebook will remain at school.</i></p>
<p>What role will textbooks play in student learning?</p>	<p><i>We will still continue with new textbook adoption where it makes sense instructionally. If there is a viable digital option in the future we will look to that option once we can ensure 1:1 access for all students.</i></p>
<p>Will we continue to have existing labs and computers?</p>	<p><i>Labs will remain in place for programs, like Project Lead the Way, various business classes, and others that require specialized programs. Common area labs will be phased out as we phase in 1:1 devices.</i></p>

<p>Can a student bring in their own device instead?</p>	<p><i>Students are expected to use the school-issued Chromebook for all classes.</i></p>
<p>What device are you issuing and why?</p>	<p><i>We selected Dell Chromebooks because they have been proven to last in a school environment. It would allow us to meet all our educational goals without adding extreme costs.</i></p>
<p>Can a student “opt out” of getting a device?</p>	<p><i>The expectation is that the Chromebook will be used for digital assignments. Special accommodations will be made through case conference.</i></p>
<p>What happens if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● one is broken/lost?</li> <li>● there is misuse/abuse of the device?</li> <li>● a student doesn't bring the device to school?</li> </ul>	<p><i>Damaged or lost devices should be reported to the teacher. Any suspicion of gross negligence will be referred to the main office. If a student forgets their device at home there will be consequences, but adjustments can be made by the teacher for the classroom activity that day. The expectation will be that students will use the Chromebook for digital assignment completion.</i></p>
<p>Will students keep the device...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● in the summer?</li> <li>● during breaks?</li> <li>● each year?</li> <li>● after they graduate?</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students will keep devices over short breaks but all devices will be collected over the summer unless prior approval is received for extended use. Collection will be during the last week of school.</i></p>
<p>Where can I learn more about the device?</p>	<p><i>Our <a href="#">Chromebook Handbook</a> has a lot of valuable information for all stakeholders with regard to the proper use of the device. Additional information, including tips and troubleshooting, will be available on a student-created site.</i></p>

## PARENTS

What are the expectations for me?	<i>Ask questions... Partnership...Read the <a href="#">Chromebook Handbook</a> to know expectations outlined.</i>
How much is it going to cost me?	<i>\$25 tech fee on the book bill plus an optional \$25 protection plan.</i>
What happens if the device gets broken?	<i>If you have purchased the <a href="#">protection plan</a>, repairs will be covered at no cost the first time. Additional repairs will be billed with a deductible or at parts cost. Without the protection plan, repairs will be billed for the cost of repair.</i>
Will the device be filtered at home?	<i>Yes. All school devices will be filtered both on and off campus.</i>
What do we do if the charger is lost?	<i>The student needs to see the student techs and once payment is received, a replacement will be ordered.</i>
Is there a protective case for the device?	<i>All high school and middle school devices will have a school-issued protective case that should remain on the device at all times.</i>
Do I have to pay for insurance?	<i>There is an optional <a href="#">protection plan</a> available to all student families at a yearly cost of \$25.</i>
What happens if my child breaks or loses the device?	<i>Accidental damages are covered by the <a href="#">protection plan</a> or billed at the cost of repair. In the case of a lost device, the student should notify a teacher or the office as soon as possible.</i>
My child participates in an after-school club, activity, or sport. Who is responsible for the safe-keeping of the device?	<i>Students must secure devices in a school locker, locked bus, locked classroom, or locked athletic locker when unattended.</i>
We don't have internet at home, how will my child complete his/her homework?	<i>Offline access is available for Google Apps and is turned on for our Chromebooks. Teachers, students, and parents will all be trained in how to complete assignments offline.</i>