

# LEVERAGING DIGITAL GRADES 9-12



## 2024-25 CHROMEBOOK 1:1 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### INTRODUCTION

The goal of Hanover School Division is to achieve Deeper Learning through engaging learning environments, collaborative learning partnerships, high yield pedagogical practices, and the leveraging of digital technology. By embedding digital technologies into classroom practice, we accelerate, amplify, and add value to learning. Chromebook 1:1 will enhance learning by creating a personalized student-centred learning environment. Chromebooks support collaborative inquiry and expand learning beyond the classroom. All students entering Grade 9 will receive a new Chromebook (rugged educational version). Students will have access to their assigned Chromebook until graduation.

### WHY A CHROMEBOOK?

A Chromebook is a laptop, running Chrome OS as its operating system. It is an excellent device for accessing the Internet, typing notes, doing research, and a host of other tasks using a variety of web-based applications. Chromebooks have a fast startup, are known to be reliable, require low maintenance, and are not susceptible to software viruses.

Chromebooks integrate seamlessly with Google Workspace for Education (an extension of the HSD technology network). Google Workspace is a free web-based program for word processing, storage of files, spreadsheets, calendars, and presentations.

### AGREEMENTS

A parent/guardian is required to sign the HSD Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement (on behalf of the student), and a Responsible Use of Technology Agreement must be on file. Visit the HSD Parent Portal to access the agreements.

Hanover School Division provides low-cost insurance coverage that protects against accidental loss or damage to the Chromebook. For additional details, please review the Chromebook 1:1 FAQ.





# CHROMEBOOK 1:1 FAQ

## Will students be required to purchase or pay for the use of a Chromebook?

No. The Chromebook is an educational resource provided by the Hanover School Division. Similar to textbooks and other instructional materials, HSD will supply Chromebooks to students at no cost.

## Who owns the Chromebook?

HSD owns the Chromebook at all times. The device and AC charger are loaned to the student for educational use and must be returned upon request.

## Does the Chromebook User Agreement require parent/guardian consent?

Yes. Any student under the age of 18 will require parent/guardian consent in the form of a signed Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement. This agreement indicates responsibilities, limitations, and liabilities for device usage.

## Can a parent/guardian opt-out their child from receiving a Chromebook?

Yes. Although we highly recommend that all parents/guardians agree to their child's participation in Chromebook 1:1. Without a Chromebook, the student may not have after-school access to classwork or collaboration opportunities in the same way other students do. Each school will have a limited amount of Chromebooks available for use (sign-out) during school hours. If an opt-out is preferred, please contact the school principal to discuss further.

## Will any sensitive or personal information be stored on the Chromebook?

No. Data is not stored locally on a Chromebook. If the device is lost, there is no concern regarding personal data.

## Will Chromebooks be used in class?

Chromebooks will be used in class at the discretion of each teacher to help meet the educational needs of their students. By providing a portable device to each student, we believe the curriculum will be enhanced by extending learning opportunities both inside and outside of our classrooms.

## Will students require Internet service at home for this device to work?

No, the Chromebook can be used offline if necessary. Please note that if Internet access is not available, functionality will be limited. The Chromebook may be connected to the Internet wherever Wi-Fi is available.

## Will an Internet filter be installed on the Chromebook?

Yes. Internet filtering on the HSD network is implemented via a multi-layered security approach, utilizing trusted URL and IP filtering services, along with installed GoGuardian software. GoGuardian is an advanced web filtering and activity monitoring service specifically designed for Chromebooks. GoGuardian software cannot be turned off by students and operates in the background regardless of device location or Internet access points. HSD is confident in the effectiveness of our filtering services, but we also recognize that there are no perfect filters. School staff will do their utmost to ensure students arrive at appropriate sites. Students are educated regarding online safety and best practices of digital citizenship, and we encourage parents/guardians to engage in discussions with their children on such matters.

## Does the Chromebook require anti-virus software?

Chromebooks come equipped with an inbuilt firewall and system protection software that helps identify and block viruses.

## What if the Chromebook is lost, stolen, or damaged?

Students are fully responsible for device protection and care at all times. As per the user agreement, the student's account will automatically be charged \$20 for Chromebook insurance (covers school year). This non-refundable insurance premium protects against accidental loss/damage or theft of the Chromebook. If the student intentionally damages the Chromebook, any resulting insurance claim may be denied. Insurance coverage allows for a maximum of two claims per school year:

- First Claim (no additional cost)
- Second Claim (required to pay an additional \$50 deductible)
- Third Claim (required to pay for full cost of repairs or replacement)

Parents/Guardians may choose to decline insurance coverage. By declining such coverage, the parent/guardian assumes full risk of device loss, theft, or damage in all circumstances, and agrees to pay the lesser of device repairs or device replacement cost (approx. value \$600). Insurance opt-out forms will be made available at the beginning of the school year.

Hardware defects or repair issues resulting from normal wear and tear will be repaired at no cost to the student and does not require an insurance claim.

## Will students keep their Chromebooks over the summer months?

Students may be required to return their Chromebooks and AC chargers at the end of each school year. Students who graduate early, withdraw, or terminate enrollment in HSD for any reason, must return their Chromebook and charger at the point of enrollment status change.

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