

FAQs

1. What is a Chromebook? What can it do?

A Chromebook is a “laptop” that runs on Google’s web-based Chrome operating system. Its primary function is to connect to the internet. While there is very limited storage space available, most documents and apps exist in the cloud when using a Chromebook. Specifically, students will use Google Drive, Google Classroom, and Gmail, along with Docs, Sheets, and Slides to complete, save, and transmit their school work.

2. What if I don’t want my student to have a Chromebook at home?

DCA respects the conviction of parents as the primary authority in the home. As part of the program, all students will have a Chromebook to use while at school. However, if parents wish to not have their child bring their Chromebook home, the school will make provision for this preference. However, parents will need to make sure the student has adequate access to needed technology at home.

3. Can we buy our own Chromebook instead of using the school issued-Chromebook?

Unfortunately, no. All Chromebooks used in the classroom must be school issued since Chromebooks will be logged into the school network while in use.

4. Since you’re using Google Apps for Education will Google sell or share student information?

The information in Google Apps for Education is private and will not be shared or sold.

5. Can our student bring in a laptop instead of using the school issued-Chromebook?

No. As in question #2, all devices used in the classroom need to be the school issued Chromebook to ensure safety and security.

6. Will you be able to secure the internet connection when my student uses the Chromebook outside of school?

DCA is only able to provide limited filtration and monitoring when the Chromebook is used outside of the school’s network. Students and their parents/guardians bear sole responsibility for exercising appropriate internet guidelines and for abiding by state and federal laws and regulations. The student’s use of the school-issued Chromebook at home and outside of school, however, is subject to the school’s AUP.

7. How will inappropriate use of the Chromebook be addressed?

Students using the school-issued Chromebook in school and outside of school are expected to comply with the AUP. Violations of any of these policies or agreements are subject to student disciplinary action under the school’s Code of Conduct policy.

8. Will the school be able to see everything that my student does through the Chromebook?

As stated in the policy, there should be no expectation of privacy. However, outside of school, parents are highly encouraged to communicate their expectations and be cognizant of their student’s use of the Chromebook.

9. Will students be expected to use the Chromebook for school-related activities only?

During the school day, Chromebooks will be used for school purposes in the classroom and students will be able to access any web-based resource allowed through the school's internet filter. At home, students can access anything that their parents allow that is web-based. However, apps and programs will not be able to be downloaded or installed without school permission. Since the Chromebook is a school-owned device, the Acceptable Use Policy and 1:1 Agreement Policy is in effect at any time the Chromebook is used, whether at school or home.

10. What happens if my student's Chromebook gets stolen or damaged at school? Who will be responsible for that?

If the Chromebook is stolen or damaged, the student is responsible for the full cost of replacement or repairs.

11. Are the Chromebooks uniquely assigned to a specific student?

Yes. Each Chromebook has a unique asset tag that is assigned to a student.

12. Will my student be using the same Chromebook in subsequent years at DCA?

Typically yes, however this depends on many circumstances such as whether a device needs to be retired or refreshed. Lower school students also use a different type and size of Chromebook so those entering 6th grade should expect to be issued a different Chromebook than their previous year's..

13. What happens if my student's Chromebook is not working? Will they be given a loaner to use for class?

DCA will make every effort to make sure the student has a loaner while repairs are being done.

14. Will there be charging stations at the school?

For students in grades 8-12, no. Charging stations will not be available at the school. The Chromebook has a battery capacity of 8 hours when fully charged. Students will need to routinely charge their Chromebooks overnight prior to coming to school the next day.

For students in grades K-7, the Chromebooks will be held on charging carts when they are not in use. As long as the student properly plugs their Chromebook into its spot on the charging cart, it should always have a charge available to use.