



## Chromebook Parent/Student FAQs

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This document provides information for parents and students about the Christian Academy School System Chromebook learning initiative.

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**The purpose of the Christian Academy Chromebook learning initiative is to equip leaders who can create, communicate, collaborate, and compete with a global audience for a God-given purpose.**

Through this effort, we intend to connect our students to opportunities that will fundamentally shift their academic experience and make them better prepared, not only for college, but for life.

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### **How does this initiative support learning standards?**

The Chromebooks provide a means to equip students to use technology and digital media strategically and capably as required by learning standards for Kentucky and/or Indiana.

### **What should I do if my device is damaged, lost, or stolen?**

Start with the school office. Lost devices are frequently returned to the office.

If you know for sure that a Chromebook has been stolen, file a police report. For damaged and/or stolen devices, we will provide you with an insurance claim form.

### **When will my child receive his or her Chromebook?**

Chromebooks will be distributed to students on designated back-to-school days.



### How do I keep my son or daughter safe online?

We force all Internet traffic through our web filter, GoGuardian (see <https://goguardian.com/>), regardless of whether the device is at school or away from school.

As long as we have allowed students to use the Internet at school, we have had strong web filters in place. No filter is perfect, but our filters have always *exceeded* the requirements mandated, for example, by the [Children's Internet Protection Act](#) (CIPA).

For specific information on our GoGuardian filter configuration, please [click here](#).

We leverage modern natural language processing and other technologies to monitor email, web sites, and web searches *proactively* for signs of bullying or intentions of self-harm.

- **Important: All email messages or web searches that contain certain terms (such as racial slurs or curse words) are immediately filtered and forwarded to administrators.**

As an aside, we also have in place a [security tip line](#): (502) 400-8525.

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**No filter is perfect, but with the technology we have in place we feel confident that we can block over 99% of objectionable and dangerous content.**

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### Does this mean my son or daughter doesn't need to use our home computer?

All high school students can take their Chromebook home each night. Students in grades K-8 only take their Chromebooks home in very rare cases, such as long-term school closures.

Therefore, high school students do not *necessarily* need a home computer, whereas younger students *likely* will. In high school, we anticipate the Chromebook can function as a complete replacement for the home computer. Exceptions might include cases where students are taking classes that require high-end design programs, such as Adobe Photoshop.



### **What if my son or daughter already owns a Chromebook?**

After visiting schools in several states, we have learned that the most successful schools with 1:1 programs actually provide the devices for their students – and they support both the devices *and* the students/families after deployment. This allows the school to ensure a safe learning environment with minimal distractions. **Therefore, we do not normally allow students to bring personally-owned Chromebooks, laptops, or other devices to school.** Exception: a student with special needs might be allowed to bring a personally-owned device to school as part of an accommodations plan.

### **Will students keep the Chromebooks during breaks?**

Yes – except for summer. We need to do maintenance and inventory over the summer months.

### **How can I print from the Chromebook?**

To print from the Chromebook, follow instructions here:

<https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/7225252?hl=en>

### **Will there be digital textbooks?**

Yes. However, we are committed to purchasing the best instructional materials, regardless of whether they are paper or electronic. We will evaluate and select digital textbooks alongside traditional textbooks and continue to select the materials we believe are most instructionally-sound.

### **What is the long-term technology plan? Does the school have one?**

Yes. The multi-year technology plan is beyond the scope of this document. For more information, please contact Rob Hough, Director of Security and Technology, at [support@caschools.us](mailto:support@caschools.us).