Parent Chromebook Information Sheet

Overview:

The School District of University City believes that it is essential that we prepare our students for a technology-rich world. To do this, we believe that students need access to practice with the tools that will be a part of their daily lives beyond school. In addition, we believe that learning when and how best to use technology comes with practice. Students may have always lived with technology, but all students need to learn to leverage technology for academic growth and achievement.

Devices:

All students, grades 6-12, will be issued a district-owned device at the start of the year. This device should be brought to school, charged and ready to use, each school day. Students will also be issued a district-owned charger for the device.

Google Login:

Student device leverage the Google platform of tools. This means that devices use the Google login and password assigned to students. Students can use Gmail, Google Calendar, and Google Classroom as tools to organize their learning.

Repairs:

The district technology staff handles repairs on Chromebooks. At the middle school, devices should be brought to the library for repair. At the high school, students should come to the technology office on the first floor for repairs. Students should be issued a loaner device while repairs are being made.

Charges for Damaged/Lost Items:

The cost for families on damaged or list items are as follows:
- Lost Device $300
- Lost Charger $40
- Damage to Device $30-150

If the technology team assess a device with damage, and they see that the damage goes beyond normal wear and tear on a machine, they will recommend a fine to the building administrator. The administrator will communicate this with families.

Respectful Use of Devices:

Efforts are made in each building to teach appropriate use of devices. This includes how to use the device for academics as well as how to communicate and create using the devices. Inappropriate use of technology can result in the loss of some technology privileges.

Filtering:

All devices use a filter limit inappropriate content as well as a program called GoGuardian that allows teachers to view usage in the classroom during school.

Questions/Concerns/Support:

If you have technology questions, there are a number of avenues to help.
- Questions about technology repairs. Send email to: awayne@ucityschools.org
- Questions about technology use in the district. Send email to: rdillon@ucityschools.org
- Technology work orders go to: wo@ucityschools.org

Returning Your Chromebook

Any student who no longer attends The School District of University City will be required to return his/her Chromebook and accessories. If a Chromebook and accessories are not returned, the parent/guardian will be held responsible for payment in full.

Chromebook Identification

Chromebooks will be labeled in a manner specified by the school. This includes: chromebook identification number, service tag, and UC Barcode. *Under no circumstances are students to modify, remove, or destroy identification labels.*

Personalizing the Chromebook

Chromebooks must remain free of any decorative writing, artwork, stickers, paint, tape, or labels that are not furnished by or the property of the School District of University City. Spot checks for compliance will be done by staff or School District of University City technicians at any time.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question: What is a Chromebook?
Answer: "Chromebooks are mobile devices designed with a comfortable full-sized keyboard, large display and clickable trackpad, all-day battery life, lightweight and built-in ability to connect to Wi-Fi, the Chromebook is ideal for anytime, anywhere access to the web." (Google)

Question: Will students have access to the devices beyond the school day?
Answer: Yes. Another benefit is that learning can continue beyond the school day with the Chromebook. Students will be able to bring the device home throughout the school year.

Question: Are students required to have them at school each day?
Answer: Yes. We do expect these devices at school each day as they are fundamental learning tools for the types of instructional experiences being built at the School District of University City. Students will need to charge their device overnight so that it is fully charged at the beginning of the day.

Question: Can my student use their device at home if we don't have access to the internet?
Answer: The Chromebook is heavily dependent on an internet connection, but there are word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation options that will work in offline situations as well. If you need access at home, please contact us about the Sprint 1 Million Program

Question: Can the Chromebook be used anywhere?
Answer: Yes, as long as there is a Wi-Fi signal to access the web.

Question: Will students be able to access inappropriate sites when using their Chromebook off campus?
Answer: Through use of the Chromebook Management Console, the UCity Technology Department will be able to have the same filtering on the devices at home that students experience at school.

Question: How can a student access a device if their Chromebook is being repaired?
Answer: The UCity Technology Department will have loaner devices available for distribution through the designated school area.

Question: Does the district have the ability to track technology that may be lost or stolen?
Answer: Steps have been taken to allow us to track devices in these scenarios.