

North Putnam FAQs about Student Chromebooks

PARENTS

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Why are we making this change?	We want students to be I nnovative, C ollaborative, and to O wn their learning at N orth Putnam. The Chromebook is a tool for helping students become more I CONic in their learning. Embracing technology helps us to empower positive digital leaders and make our students college and career ready.
What device are you issuing and why?	We will be issuing a touchscreen Lenovo ThinkPad Chromebook. We selected this device because of its durability and features that align to our educational needs.
When will this be implemented?	All elementary students will be issued a device in early January 2018. The projected rollout for middle and high school students is August 2018.
How much is it going to cost me?	Parents will pay \$50/semester for the device, which will be included in the textbook fees at the start of each school year. (The fee was already included in the 2017/18 textbook rental fees.) Parents also will pay \$10/semester for the protection plan, which will be payable online at one2onerisk.com prior to your child receiving a device. Those qualifying for Free/Reduced lunch will still pay \$10 for the protection plan, but the device will be provided.
How are we going to sustain the program?	Textbook Rental will cover the cost of Chromebooks.
What role will textbooks play in student learning?	All courses will still have access to the textbook, whether it is online or hardcopy. The Chromebook provides students with the ability to access more interactive and current information that is available online.
Will we continue to have existing labs and computers?	At the start, they will be kept largely for testing purposes. The plan is to eventually transition away from the labs.
Can a student bring in their own device instead?	No

<p>Can a student “opt out” of getting a device?</p>	<p>Students will be able to “opt out” of taking the device home. But since devices act as a “textbook”, students will need to have access to them at school to fulfill assignments. Furthermore, parents must still pay the same textbook rental fee.</p>
<p>What are the expectations for me as a parent?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make sure your student understands their responsibility with the care and use of his/her device. ● Encourage proper and appropriate use . ● If device goes home, charge and send back to school each day.
<p>What happens if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one is broken/lost? ● there is misuse/abuse of the device? ● a student doesn’t bring the device to school? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All parents are asked to enroll in a protection plan using the following website: one2onerisk.com. Parents will also use this site to file a claim for any damaged devices. Parents pay a \$50 deductible for broken devices and the remaining cost is covered if they have enrolled through the protection plan. (The protection plan covers up to two occurrences of damage per school year.) ● Misuse or abuse will result in full replacement cost by parent/guardian.
<p>What if my computer is unusable?</p>	<p>A loaner will be assigned to a student for use while his/her computer is being serviced. Students will still be responsible for completing and turning in all assigned work in each class.</p>
<p>Will students keep the device...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● in the summer? ● during breaks? 	<p>Elementary students will be asked to keep the devices at the school during all holiday and summer breaks where they are secured.</p>
<p>Will my child be allowed to take home the device?</p>	<p>All elementary students will be asked to keep the device at the school for at least the first three weeks after being issued the device. After that time, it will be at the teacher’s discretion to permit them to go home. Students will be taught proper care and usage of the device prior to taking them home.</p>
<p>Will the device be filtered at home?</p>	<p>Yes. Devices will have the same filter as at school.</p>
<p>What do we do if the charger is lost?</p>	<p>You will need to notify your child’s teacher and pay a \$50 deductible for the cost of a replacement charger.</p>

Is there a protective case for the device?	Yes, a protective case is included with the device and should be used to transport the device at all times.
My child participates in an after-school club, activity, or sport. Who is responsible for the safe-keeping of the device?	Your student is responsible for keeping the device when they are involved in an extracurricular activity.
We don't have Internet at home, how will my child complete his/her homework?	Your child will be able to produce work using the Chromebook even without Internet access.

STUDENTS

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What am I allowed to do?	Academic work assigned by teachers. Please be sure to review the Student Responsible Use Policy .
What am I not allowed to do?	Use the device for non-educational tasks.
What happens if I don't follow the rules?	You will face disciplinary consequences based on the offense.
Where do I go for help?	First line of defense is your teacher. If the teacher doesn't know, the technology department is the next step.
What if a student forgets to bring the device to school?	Students will still be required to do the work.
I am concerned my device battery will not last for the entire school day. What should I do?	Be sure to have a full charge each morning. There will be charging stations in classrooms when needed.
Can I print at school? Can I print at home?	You will not have access to print in the beginning of our initiative.
Can I access YouTube? Stream Music? Download Games?	There are a number of technical solutions in place that will prevent students from accessing inappropriate sites and online resources that are not educational. Students are also required to follow the Student Responsible Use Policy . Students are prohibited from streaming music, downloading games, and accessing restricted online videos.