

The Potosi School District is excited to announce that our MS and HS will begin a One-to-One Device Program this school year. Staff have been planning and working on this goal over the last 4 years and it is now time for us to begin its implementation. This means that all 6th – 12th graders (MS and HS) will have their own Chromebook to use. Our 9th – 12th graders (HS) will be issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the year, which they can take home to use. Our 6th – 8th graders (MS) will not be allowed to take their devices home, and instead will check them out daily, and back in at the end of the school day.

A new Technology Fee for all 6th – 12th grade (MS and HS) students of \$25 will occur to cover the cost of insurance on each device. The fee will be payable during registration. This insurance covers the maintenance and repair on the device for one year and includes replacement if the device is lost or stolen. The charging cord is not covered under the insurance. Signing the Chromebook Policy Agreement and paying the fee is required prior to the student being issued their Chromebook.

If a parent chooses not to pay the Technology Fee, their student will be allowed to borrow a “loaner device” to use in the classroom if it is needed and/or when available. The loaned device will be checked in with their teacher after class. In addition, if a parent chooses not to pay the Technology Fee (insurance), and a problem occurs with the device that is loaned to the student, or if the device’s serial number is removed (intentional vandalism), the incurred costs to the parent are as follows:

- Total Replacement - \$200
- Screen - \$75
- Keyboard/Touchpad - \$65
- Power Cord - \$25

Our vision for the 1:1 Device Program is to enable teachers and software to deliver more personalized content to students, boost students’ technology skills, and to empower our students to do more complex and creative work by ensuring that all MS/HS students have access to a device. This device will give our students a better opportunity to share, connect, and seek out information.

Over the last several years we have been setting up the framework for this new program by ensuring we have the appropriate bandwidth and wireless access throughout the school. The software and devices were also planned out and selected carefully.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **How is the program funded?** All Chromebooks are paid for with technology funds that we have been budgeting for and gradually phasing in over the last 4 years. We are now at a point where we are able to provide the 1:1 Device Program.
2. **Will students be protected from objectionable internet content?** The Potosi School District uses filtering software that will operate in the Chromebooks, whether students are using the devices at home or at school. Objectionable websites are screened out, as are social networking sites.
3. **Am I allowed to connect my home printer to my school Chromebook?** There is no school required reason for printing at home, however, it is acceptable.
4. **What should my student do with the Chromebook if he/she plays an after school sport or activity?** During and after school events, the Chromebooks should be stored by the student in a locked locker.

Upcoming Dates: Football Begins – [Tuesday, August 1](#)
 Volleyball Begins – [Monday, August 14](#)
 Registration – [Wednesday, August 23](#) (9:00 am – 6:30 pm)
 Activity Code Meeting – [Wednesday, August 23](#) (10:00 am and at 6:30 pm)
 First Day of School – [Friday, September 1](#)