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HANOVER SCHOOL DIVISION

# CHROMEBOOK 1:1 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

GRADES 9-12



LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

## INTRODUCTION

Hanover School Division is committed to promoting deep learning that is relevant, rigorous, enduring, and grounded in Manitoba Education's Learning Competencies. Leveraging technology gives students the flexibility to learn from anywhere, access current research, and collaborate in real time. Digital tools like Chromebooks foster Manitoba Education's Learning Competencies by allowing students to research, co-create, share, and reflect on their work. Chromebooks help ensure that learning is not confined to a specific place or time, thereby supporting continuous learning inside and outside the classroom.

## WHY A CHROMEBOOK?

To support this in the senior years, each student entering Grade 9 is issued a Chromebook for their individual use until graduation or until they are no longer an active student within the school division. This one-to-one approach enhances student ownership of learning and supports the development of Manitoba Education's Learning Competencies, including critical thinking, collaboration, citizenship, creativity, communication, and connection to self.

Chromebooks integrate seamlessly with Google Workspace for Education. Google Workspace is a free web-based program for word processing, file storage, spreadsheets, calendars, and presentations.

## AGREEMENTS

The student's parent or guardian must sign the HSD Responsible Use of Technology Agreement and the Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement. These agreements outline acceptable use, responsibilities, and expectations for digital device use, including Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education, and ensure that all users understand how to engage with digital tools respectfully and responsibly. Visit the HSD Parent Portal to review these agreements.

# CHROMEBOOK 1:1 FAQ

## Will students be required to purchase or pay for the use of a Chromebook?

No. The Chromebook is an educational resource provided by the Hanover School Division. Similar to textbooks and other instructional materials, HSD will supply Chromebooks to students at no cost.

## Who owns the Chromebook?

HSD owns the Chromebook at all times. The device and AC charger are loaned to the student for educational use and must be returned upon request.

## Does the Chromebook User Agreement require parent/guardian consent?

Yes. Any student under 18 years of age will require parent/guardian consent, as evidenced by a signed Chromebook 1:1 User Agreement.

## Can a parent/guardian opt-out their child from receiving a Chromebook?

We highly recommend that all parents/guardians agree to their child's participation in the Chromebook 1:1 program. Without a Chromebook, the student may not have after-school access to classwork or collaboration opportunities in the same way as other students do. Each school will have a limited number of Chromebooks available for use (sign-out) during school hours. If an opt-out is preferred, please contact the school principal to discuss further.

## Will any sensitive or personal information be stored on the Chromebook?

No. Data is not stored locally on a Chromebook.

## Why is there an overnight time restriction on Chromebook use?

School-issued Chromebooks are provided to support teaching and learning, and the overnight time restriction reinforces their intended educational purpose. By limiting general internet access between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., this measure emphasizes that these devices are meant for school-related use while also supporting families in promoting healthy routines at home. During these hours, students will continue to have access to Google Suite applications for schoolwork; however, general web browsing will be limited. Parents and guardians may make their own decisions regarding personal devices, but school-issued Chromebooks will follow this structure to encourage conditions that help students arrive at school focused, rested, and ready to learn.

## Will Chromebooks be used in class?

Chromebooks will be used in class at the discretion of each teacher to help meet the educational needs of their students. By providing a portable device to each student, the curriculum will be enhanced, extending learning opportunities both inside and outside our classrooms.

## Will students require Internet service at home for this device to work?

No, the Chromebook can be used offline if necessary. Please note that if Internet access is not available, functionality will be limited. The Chromebook can connect to the Internet wherever Wi-Fi is available.

## Will an Internet filter be installed on the Chromebook?

Yes. Internet filtering on the HSD network uses a multi-layered security approach that includes trusted URL and IP filtering services and GoGuardian software. GoGuardian is an advanced web filtering and activity-monitoring tool designed for Chromebooks. It cannot be turned off by students and operates in the background regardless of device location or Internet access. School staff make reasonable efforts to ensure students access appropriate sites during the school day, and students receive instruction in online safety and responsible digital citizenship.

When Chromebooks are used off the HSD network, such as at home, GoGuardian remains active; however, filtering is more limited than on the Division network. Parents and guardians continue to play an important role in supervising Chromebook use at home, including monitoring screen time and reinforcing online safety and responsible technology use.

## Does the Chromebook require anti-virus software?

Chromebooks come equipped with an inbuilt firewall and system protection software that helps identify and block viruses.

## What if the Chromebook is lost, stolen, or damaged?

Students are fully responsible for device protection and care at all times. As per the user agreement, the student's account will automatically be charged \$30 for Chromebook insurance (covers the school year). This non-refundable insurance premium protects against accidental loss/damage or theft of the Chromebook. If the student intentionally damages the Chromebook, any resulting insurance claim may be denied. Insurance coverage allows for a maximum of two claims per school year:

- First Claim (no additional cost)
- Second Claim (required to pay an additional \$50 deductible)
- Third Claim (required to pay for the full cost of repairs or replacement)

Parents/Guardians may choose to decline insurance coverage. By declining such coverage, the parent/guardian assumes full risk of device loss, theft, or damage in all circumstances, and agrees to pay the lesser of device repairs or device replacement cost (approx. value \$600). Insurance opt-out forms will be made available at the beginning of the school year.

Hardware defects or repair issues resulting from normal wear and tear will be repaired at no cost to the student and do not require an insurance claim.

## Will students keep their Chromebooks over the summer months?

Students may be required to return their Chromebooks and AC chargers at the end of each school year. Students who graduate early, withdraw, or terminate enrollment in HSD for any reason must return their Chromebook and charger at the point of enrollment status change.

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