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How and when will students receive Chromebooks? Will they be collected?

Before receiving a school-issued Chromebook, students must complete the AMS Chromebook Loan Agreement. This agreement must be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. Chromebooks will be distributed in January/February in grade 6. Grades 7 & 8 will receive Chromebooks in February/March. Prior to handing Chromebooks out to students, each grade will have an assembly during Morning Meeting to discuss expectations. Prior to the end of the school year all Chromebooks will be collected for maintenance and inventory.

How will parents/guardians be informed about 1:1 Chromebooks?

Regular written communications have already occurred informing with parents/guardians of our impending move to 1:1 Chromebooks.

Can Chromebooks be taken home by students?

Students will be encouraged to use their school-issued Chromebooks at home. Students will be responsible for transporting their Chromebook safely to and from school each day.

Will covers be made available to help protect Chromebooks?

Yes. Covers will be available for purchase from the AMS school store.

<u>What happens when a student brings a Chromebook that is not charged?</u>

Students are responsible for bringing completely charged Chromebooks for use each day. Students need to charge their Chromebooks each evening. There will be a limited number of charging areas available to students on a first come, first served basis. Repeat violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

What happens when a student comes to school without their Chromebook?

If a Chromebook is left at home, the student will have the opportunity to use a loaner Chromebook from the library circulation desk if one is available. Loaner Chromebooks must be returned before leaving school. Repeat violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

What happens when a Chromebook is having a hardware or technical issue?

Chromebooks in need of repair must be brought to the library circulation desk. From there a ticket will be generated so that repairs can be made. Loaner Chromebooks will be issued, if available, to students when they leave their Chromebook for repair at the library circulation desk.

Can a student use a Chromebook at home? And can they use it at home without

internet access?

Students are allowed to connect to a wireless network when using their Chromebook away from school. Student use of the Chromebook will be subject to the APCSD website filtering software even when accessing materials on a home connection

A WiFi Internet connection is required for much of Chromebook use; however, many applications can be used while not connected to the Internet, including Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and others. Once the Chromebook reconnects to WiFi, those files will be automatically updated.

Can the WiFi network here at school handle all of these Chromebooks?

Yes. The WiFi system is designed to handle one device per person in the building. However it is not able to handle the demands of multiple devices per person.

So what about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)?

With the move to 1:1 Chromebooks we will discontinue our BYOD policy. This means students will not be able to connect their personal devices (i.e. phones, iPads, personal computers, etc) to the school's WiFi network except in designated locations (cafeteria, library and auditorium).

<u>With the move to 1:1 Chromebooks, is there a new personal device policy at</u> AMS?

Yes. Unless requested by a staff member, all personal devices (phones, iPads, personal computers, etc.) should remain off and in lockers.

Does AMS have a more thorough Chromebook policy?

Yes. The complete <u>AMS 1:1 Chromebook Handbook can be found here</u>.