

devices must be inserted carefully into the chromebook.

- ◆ Carry chromebooks in the chromebook case. They are designed to cushion the device to keep it safe.
- ◆ DO NOT force anything into the ports and slots on the side.
- ◆ DO NOT jerk, drop, or slam close the cover to close the chrome book.
- ◆ DO NOT carry the chromebook by the screen. Carry it like a book when closed or securely by the base when it is open.
- ◆ DO NOT put the chromebook on the floor or on any unstable surface.
- ◆ DO NOT leave your chromebook unattended.
- ◆ Do NOT throw it or mistreat it in anyway.
- ◆ Inappropriate media may NOT be used as a screensaver or background. This will result in disciplinary action.
- ◆ DO NOT share your password with anyone.
- ◆ Emailing or searching inappropriate content material is forbidden and will result in disciplinary action.

What is Personalized Learning?

Personalized Learning is instruction that is tailored to the needs of the individual student. Technology allows teachers to effectively and efficiently assess and meet the needs of each student by personalizing learning.

The Greenville County Schools Associate Superintendent for Academics, describes personalized learning:

"Today's educational environment requires us to think differently in order to meet the needs of our students. Preparing them to be innovative thinkers, creative problem solvers and high level collaborators is key to their future success in their chosen career. Personalized learning changes the way teachers teach and how students learn."

This initiative is designed to maximize the learning opportunities for every student and meet the goals of the state's "[Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#)."



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As a student-centered district, our priority is to build better graduates. While incorporating devices into our classroom environment does not replace classroom teachers or good instructional practice, it can enhance or even transform student learning experiences.

CHROMEBOOK FACTS



Chromebooks in the Classroom:

- ◆ Every student will receive a chromebook that will be taken home each day.
- ◆ It will vary from class to class as to how much the chromebook will be used for lessons and assessments.
- ◆ Chromebooks are not intended to replace classroom teaching and/or assignments.



RECEIVING CHROMEBOOKS:

- ◆ Chromebooks and chargers will be distributed at Station Day or the beginning of the year.
- ◆ Chromebooks will be distributed at the beginning of the year to each student once the parent permission form and technology fee is turned in to HMS.
- ◆ Students that enroll during the school year will receive a chromebook after the parent has signed the permission slip form and the chromebook fee is paid.

TECHNOLOGY FEE:

- ◆ There is a small yearly technology fee for each chromebook. The fees are \$25 for full lunch pay students, \$15 for reduced lunch pay students, and \$5 for free lunch students. **Fees have been waived for the 2020-2021 school year.**
- ◆ Chromebook replacement cost is \$300.
- ◆ Charger replacement fee is \$31.
- ◆ Chromebook case replacement fee is \$15.

RETURNING THE CHROMEBOOK:

- ◆ All district owned chromebooks must be returned following HMS guidelines.

- ◆ If a student leaves the district or school, he/she must return the chromebook to the media specialist before leaving.
- ◆ ANY CHROMEBOOKS NOT RETURNED WILL BE CONSIDERED STOLEN PROPERTY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED.

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK:

Please contact Susan Dicey @ 355.6105 in the media center.

CARING FOR YOUR CHROMEBOOK:

- ◆ The chromebook screen can be damaged if dropped, hit, or subjected to rough treatment. Cost to replace a screen ranges from \$45-\$70.
- ◆ Clean the screen with a soft, dry anti-static, or microfiber cloth. Do NOT use window cleaner or any type of liquid on the chromebook. You can also use eyeglass lens cleaner to clean the screen.

GENERAL PRECATIONS:

- ◆ NO food or drinks are allowed near the chromebook.
- ◆ Cords, cables, and removable storage devices must be inserted carefully into the mebook.
- ◆ Carry chromebooks in the chromebook case.