

## **ONE-TO-ONE CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE**

### **What is the Vision?**

We will strive to provide educational opportunities that will engage every student and build capacity in order to prepare students with current and future competencies to compete and excel in a complex, ever-changing world.

### **What is the One-to-One Chromebook Initiative?**

As part of the vision stated above, and ongoing district technology planning, Central Community High School has introduced a One-to-One Chromebook Initiative for all students to begin in the 2017-18 school year. The goal of this technology instructional platform is to help students strengthen their 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and present them with a transformational learning experience that provides students with around-the-clock access to learning. Students enrolled at Central have received a Chromebook for school and home use. It requires that every student and teacher involved in the program have direct access to a personal computing device at all times. The use of technology does not diminish the vital role of the teacher or the school as an institution. It simply transforms teachers and the school environment from directors of learning to facilitators of the process. A One-to-One Chromebook program represents the most comprehensive technology integration program available for instructional purposes.

### **Why are we doing this?**

The One-to-One Chromebook Initiative aims to extend beyond providing a solid knowledge of the latest hardware, software, and applications. Students now have greater opportunities to direct their own learning, access more information, and engage a larger community in intellectual discourse. Learning and studying are no longer restricted by the pages in a book, or the walls of a classroom, or the hours in a school day. As part of this program, the school district hopes to strengthen students' understanding of good digital citizenship and bring awareness to the digital footprint they create in every email, post, interaction, and photo that they share. Working in a One-to-One Chromebook environment, with supervision from staff, students will learn how that footprint can impact them for decades to come, and hopefully, they will become more mindful of their interactions in a digital world.

### **What is a Chromebook?**

A Chromebook is a laptop unit that runs off Google's web-based Chrome operating system and allows students to store and access information on the cloud (free digital storage space accessible from any Internet connection). These laptops also incorporate some of the best features of Google such as email, calendar, and Docs which will provide greater ease and ability for communication and collaboration with other students and also between students and staff. Chromebooks are truly educational tools that change the interaction between teacher and student along with enabling greater access to a new world of information. As a One-to-One platform school, we are ensuring that every student in every class have the opportunity to learn in an engaging environment reflective of the ever-changing world around them.

### **Who will be involved?**

Everyone has a stake in the success of the One-to-One Chromebook Initiative. Central has made a considerable commitment and investment to what we feel is a necessary instructional opportunity for the modern day student. We have also received a commitment from two support groups at Central. The Committee to Support Central and the PAWS Organization have each given a contribution of \$15,000 to be used for the initial investment. All parents should be appreciative of their dedication to helping kids. Our goal is to sustain the program through an affordable lease-to-own commitment from parents with support from the school district for continued system costs.

The staff at Central will receive continued training and professional development on the best integration of the Chromebook as a learning tool and their ability to facilitate student engagement. The Technology Team will continually evaluate the success of the program and make revisions as necessary. As technology continues to advance and develop, the team will make adjustments and improvements in order to keep the One-to-One Chromebook environment as current and efficient as possible for students.

Finally, we will do everything to provide as much information as possible so that all stakeholders are successful in the One-to-One environment. The consistent support of parents is always important to the success of the program and parental involvement can be enhanced with the use of Google Classroom and communication methods. Students need to remain consistently aware of best practices and usage of the tool and processes of learning by these methods. As the program is implemented, there will almost certainly be issues that arise. However, school personnel are confident that things are in place which will make these issues minimal for students. When they do arise, matters will be addressed and resolved as soon as possible. The One-to-One Chromebook environment demands that all members of the school community work together for it to be successful.

### **Where are we now?**

Everyone at Central is excited about this great opportunity for our students and look forward to seeing the One-to-One Chromebook devices in use during the 2017-18 school year. With the proper implementation of technology, all students have greater access to the curriculum, and teachers have a wider array of methodologies to use in the delivery of instruction. No doubt, many of you will see immediate changes in many of our classes with the usage of Chromebooks utilized at the school. Many of our teachers will be making use of Chromebooks, Google Classroom, interactive instructional methods, communication with students, and new technology. The One-to-One Initiative, and a personal Chromebook, make this more universal, more extensive, and more possible for students in school as well as in the home environment.

Since we know there may be questions as our initial school year unfolds, we will continue to maintain this segment of our website to provide specific information related to this initiative along with any revisions to policies and procedures. Central wants to provide you with all information regarding the use of Chromebooks in this environment. It is our goal that the implementation of a One-to-One Chromebook platform, in conjunction with general technology integration in our school community, will be beneficial for students for many years to come.