

Chromebooks for Harmony Public Schools

All Harmony Public Schools 6th – 12th graders will receive a laptop like device starting with the 2013 – 2014 school year

Welcome to the first year of the Harmony Public Schools Chromebooks deployment! We are excited to provide this educational opportunity to all of our students and look forward to the creative work we will see from the use of the Chromebooks.

Like any new initiative, there are a number of questions that many parents and students have. This document will serve as a brief overview to the device and hopefully answer some questions you may have. For more detailed information, Frequently Asked Questions, or to ask a question or provide feedback, please visit the main Harmony Public Schools website at

www.harmonytx.org

The devices have been purchased for every 6th – 12th grader enrolled at a Harmony Public School using designated funds from the Race to the Top – District grant. It is the goal of this initiative to provide additional avenues of learning to the students enhancing and enriching the work our amazing teachers and students have done in years past.

When students are using the devices on the network at school, the devices are filtered. During non-school hours, when the devices are not on the school network, the filtering of any network students may use is to the discretion of the parent or guardian. At all times, students are expected to use the device for educational purposes and adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

An annual fee of \$20 will be paid by every student to offset the cost of accidental damage and repair. Families will be provided the opportunity to purchase additional coverage for loss or theft of devices. This will be an additional \$13.

The devices will be handed out to students during the first six weeks of instruction. Please keep an eye out for communication detailing when and where the devices will be handed out. Parents must attend an orientation and sign the required paperwork to receive the devices. We look forward to working with you on this exciting adventure.



Chromebook:

- ❖ 8 second startup
- ❖ 8 hour battery life
- ❖ Less maintenance
- ❖ Resistant to viruses
- ❖ Automatic updates
- ❖ Easier management
- ❖ Support from Google
- ❖ Lower cost of ownership than traditional laptops



Google Chrome OS