Marblehead High School - Chromebook BYOD Fact Sheet

Marblehead High School launched a Chromebook BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative during the 2018-19 school year. Chromebooks are provided for students who receive Free or Reduced Lunch. These devices may be taken home for the entire school year, but must be returned before Summer break. Families with financial difficulties may contact Principal Dan Bauer for assistance.

- What if I already have a Chromebook?
    - Students may use personal Chromebooks as long as they meet the minimum specifications and are in good operating order.
- What if I already have a laptop?
    - While we strongly recommend Chromebooks due to their all-day battery life, ease of operation and fast boot. Students may use personal laptops that meet the minimum specifications and are in good operating order. Laptop users will be responsible for printer setup, installation of extensions and other configurations as needed.
- Where can I purchase the Chromebook?
    - A web portal is available on the school web page. The cost is under $300 for a Dell 2-in-1 convertible touch-screen Chromebook. Dell provides a one year, mail-in warranty. You may also purchase a Chromebook from any vendor as long as it meets the minimum specifications.
- When will students need their Chromebooks?
    - Students must bring their Chromebooks on the first day of school.
- What happens if it breaks, is lost or stolen?
    - The family, not the Technology Department, is responsible for the repair of family-owned devices. Students have access to a limited supply of loaner devices in each classroom should their device not be available. Loaner devices must be returned in the same condition at the end of each class period.
- Can my child use a cell phone instead of a Chromebook?
    - No. Cell phones will not meet the minimum specifications.
- How is Internet Safety being addressed?
    - Internet Safety Education is already part of our core curriculum. All Internet access at school goes through an Internet filter. The Student Acceptable Use Policy applies to all technology use in the schools. Monitoring Internet use outside of the school network is the responsibility of parents.
- Can our WiFi handle all the devices?
    - The HS WiFi network and Internet bandwidth have been upgraded to handle this additional traffic. Network activity will be monitored and adjustments may be necessary in the future.
- How will the devices be used in class?
    - Teachers will integrate technology in a variety of ways in their curriculum. Marblehead High School is a Google School. Students have Marblehead Google accounts giving them access to a wide variety of applications.
- Will students be trained/supported in their use of a Chromebook?
    - Students are already using Chromebooks and Google as part of their classes. Additional classroom support will be provided by the teacher. There is also a student-run support center/help desk.

- Why did we choose Chromebooks?
    - Chromebooks were selected for their ease of use, low cost, and all-day battery life. They fully support Google applications.
- Why does the High School have a Chromebook BYOD program?
    - Marblehead High School is committed to preparing students for life and careers in the digital age by empowering them with the knowledge and tools to innovate and create using technology.
- What if students forget the Chromebook or the device breaks?
    - Students have access to a limited supply of loaner devices in each classroom should their device not be available. Loaner devices must be returned in the same condition at the end of each class period.
- Should a parent purchase a cover or bag for the Chromebook?
    - We recommend a protective cover or carrying bag to protect the Chromebook.

Specifications

Chromebooks - Are available for purchase from the Dell portal linked on the school web page. The approximate purchase price of $300 includes a touch-screen Chromebook. A Chromebook must have a minimum 11" screen, 7-hour battery, 4GB RAM and a 16GB solid state hard drive.

Laptops - **Must have 7-hour battery life**, Macintosh or Windows, be in good working order, have a built-in web camera and have Google Chrome Web Browser installed. Battery life is a very important consideration. Students should not plan on being able to charge their devices during the day.

iPads - iPads are not a recommended device due to difficulty with required applications.