



THS Tiger Chromebook Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a personal laptop computer running Chrome OS as its operating system. The devices are designed to be used with resources that reside on the Web, rather than traditional applications that reside on the machine itself.

Q: What are the specs of the TCSD Chromebooks?

The District purchased HP 11 G5 Chromebooks.

Q: Will Twinsburg High School students be allowed to bring their Chromebooks home?

Yes, just like textbooks, students will need to use the Chromebooks at home to fully engage in the curriculum.

Q: Who will be receiving Chromebooks in the TCSD during the 2018-19 school year?

Twinsburg High School will be entirely 1:1 beginning with the 2018-19 school year as every student will be provided a District-owned device. Students assigned to The Twinsburg Alternative Program (TAP) will not be issued a Chromebook due to their current online learning curriculum available via the desktop computer.

Q: What if we can't pick up our child's Chromebook during the posted times?

Please call Mrs. Mariola at (330) 486-2495 or email at bmariola@twinsburgcsd.org to discuss your unique situation.

Q: Will parents/guardians need to sign off on their student receiving a Chromebook?

Yes. The Acceptable Use Policy Acknowledgement will need to be signed electronically via PowerSchool Registration (formerly InfoSnap) at the beginning of each school year.

Q: My child is provided a Chromebook through CVCC, can he/she use that one?

Eleventh & twelfth graders are encouraged to use the CVCC provided device.

Q: What does the annual Chromebook fee cover?

With the passage of our recent levy, the cost of the Chromebook, power adapter, carrying case, Chrome License, and Securly Internet filter is covered by the Twinsburg City School District.

The TCSD Chromebook fee covers the following items:

- Annual, ongoing support and maintenance of the Chromebook initiative
- Cost of the materials for a single repair
- Cost of labor for a single repair
- Available loaners

*Fees can be paid via check, cash, or EZpay. Please make checks payable to the Twinsburg City School District.

Q: If a repair is not made on a student Chromebook, will the fee be refunded or carried over to the next school year?

No, the Chromebook fee is annual and covers the aforementioned list.

Q: Will the TCSD Chromebook fee be charged if my child is bringing his/her own device? No. The TCSD Chromebook fee will only be charged for school issued Chromebooks.

Q: What if the Chromebook is lost or stolen?

Students and parents will be responsible for the Chromebooks once they are assigned to a student just as they are responsible for the cost of lost or stolen textbooks. If the device is lost or stolen, please report to the THS Media Center immediately. At that time, an Information Security Incident Report will be completed with the hope of finding the device.

Q: How will Chromebooks be supported or serviced?

If the District-owned Chromebook is broken or not working, students will need to take it to the THS Media Center and fill out a repair form.

Q: What happens if the Chromebook is not working or damaged?

The District will support broken devices and have loaner devices available in the THS Media Center when a student's assigned device is not working. Students will need to bring the Chromebook to the Media Center to fill out a repair form.

Q: What is the process if a student want to 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD)?

Students are permitted to use their own devices, i.e. laptops. Families will assume responsibility for student-owned devices that are in need of repair, lost or stolen. District Chromebook loaners will not be available for student-owned devices. Linked is the [Board's Policy #5136.01](#) regarding Bring Your Own Device. Students will need complete the BYOD Student User Agreement located in the Forms link found under the For Parents tab on the TCSD website. Students will connect to the Twinsburg BYOD wireless network with their network credentials, not to the guest Wi-Fi.

Q. How will I notify the school if I decide that my child will bring his/her own device to school? Will there be a form that I need to complete and submit so that school personnel knows that my child will be carrying his/her own device?

Students & their parents or guardians need to go to the TCSD Website, locate the For Parents tab and click the Forms link. The BYOD Student User Agreement must then be completed for device use within the Twinsburg City School District network.

Q: Can you provide specifications/recommendations for family-provided Chromebooks or devices?

When sending your family-provided device to school, the technology department recommends a device that has a battery life of 8-10 hours. The expectation for students is to arrive at school each day with a fully-charged device. Moreover, device memory (Chromebook or traditional

laptop) is recommended to be at minimum 4 GB because much of what students will be working on is in the “cloud.”

Q: Is this a mandatory initiative?

Using a District-owned device is not mandatory; however, using a device for instructional purposes has become a classroom expectation for students.

Q: Will students be permitted to personalize the exterior of the Chromebook and/or carrying case?

Yes, however, students will only be allowed to add “skins” or personalization that is not permanent. Permanent adhesives such as nail polish, regular stickers, Duct tape, Sharpie, etc. are not permitted.

Q: What happens when students forget Chromebooks at home or they are not charged?

The building will have a limited number of loaner Chromebooks. Students **will be** required to charge their Chromebook every evening at home.

Q: What if I do not have internet access at home?

Chromebooks can be used in an offline mode to continue working on existing projects. All work completed offline will be synced with cloud storage once the Chromebook reconnects to the internet. For more information, click [here](#).

Q: What software will be loaded onto the school-issued device versus what would need to be loaded onto my own device?

There are a variety of District approved Chrome apps and extensions that will be available for students to load.

Q: How will software be added to my own device if needed?

The TCSD will not load software to personal/family-owned devices. However, students can load approved apps and extensions from the Chrome Web Store with parental discretion.

Q: Will the students be able to download programs or documents? How will this be monitored?

Students will not be permitted to install Chrome Extensions or Apps unless they have been TCSD approved (visit the TCSD Technology website for approved apps and online tools).

Q: Will there be repercussions, as far as behavior with the Chromebooks i.e. if students are not using them correctly at school?

Yes, current Board policy related to discipline and Acceptable Use of Technology apply. There is a specific Chromebook agreement as well.

Q: What if I am moving and withdrawing my child from the school district?

Return the Chromebook, charger, and case to the THS Media Center, in care of Mrs. Mariola.

Q: Do the students get to keep the device after 4 years?

No, the Chromebooks will be repurposed by the school district.

Q: Is the device wiped clean when turned back in?

Yes, the Chromebook will be reset when returned.

Q: Will the students keep the Chromebooks over the summer?

Yes, the students will keep the Chromebooks over the summer.

Q: What should I do with my son/daughter's Chromebook if it needs to be repaired over the summer?

Please be prepared to bring your child's Chromebook to the THS Welcome Center in early August as we will host a "Chromebook Repair Date" for those in need of repair. We are hopeful that this will afford District personnel ample time to repair the Chromebook and return it to your child by the beginning of the school year. Please be aware that this will constitute a student's one time break/fix/repair for the school year. "Chromebook Repair" dates are TBA and will be announced via a Blackboard Connect message and posted on the District website.

Q: How will students be protected from objectionable internet content?

The District's filtering software (Securly) will apply both on and off campus. However, it is still the parents' responsibility to monitor usage at home.

Q: Will Securly be loaded/used on family provided Chromebooks?

No.

Q: Can I opt out of Securly on a District-issued Chromebook?

TCSD Chromebooks must have Securly installed to comply with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) content filtering.

Q: What are the monitoring procedures for students and maintaining privacy?

By accessing the District's network, the Chromebooks as well as devices from home would go through the District's content filter, meaning that students would not be able to access unauthorized sites. Securly will be used on District-issued Chromebooks for filtering websites at home. More information about Securly can be found on the Twinsburg High School homepage.

Q: Will there be remote access to video and microphone?

No, there is no remote access via Securly to the camera and microphone.

Q: Are cases provided for the Chromebook?

Yes. The TCSD will provide a carrying case for each school-issued device.

Q: Where can I find a listing of fees that will be charged if my child's device needs to be repaired after the first "break/fix/repair"?

Please locate the list of repair costs below. *Cost for the repairs will be paid to the THS Office (Mrs. Simon) upon receipt of the repaired device. Fractured screen repair is \$35. Broken keyboard repair is \$80. A lost or stolen Chromebook will be replaced with the \$192 purchase price assessed.

Estimated cost of HP 11 G5 Chromebook replacement parts:



Q: Can I take my son/daughter's Chromebook somewhere else to be repaired?

No. District-owned equipment must be repaired by the Twinsburg City School District.

Q: Do warranty covered repairs constitute a "break/fix/repair" for the family? e.g. the item is not damaged but simply is not functioning.

No. If the Chromebook has an issue that is a factory level issue, the student and his or her family will not be held responsible.

Q: If my child brings his/her own device, what kind of case will be acceptable for him/her to carry his device in? I know that my child is not permitted to carry a backpack. Will this regulation be relaxed if he/she carries the laptop or other device in the backpack?

If your student chooses to bring his/her own device, he or she will be encouraged to have a carrying case or sleeve to protect the device. However, a book bag will not constitute a carrying case as the school handbook prohibits the use of book bags for student use during the school day. Book bags with sleeves for devices are also prohibited. Only a technology approved device carrying case will be permitted.

Q: Are Chromebooks replacing textbooks?

The Chromebooks will not be replacing textbooks at this time. As textbooks are adopted, we will assure the new textbook has online access. At this time, not every text we use at Twinsburg High School has online access.

Q: What information is being collected on my child?

Students who logon to the District-issued Chromebook will use the Twinsburg City School District student network username (i.e. YN100345) and password.

Google account creation uses Twinsburg issued student ID (i.e. YN100345), first and last name.

Online tools used by Twinsburg City School District staff members have been vetted via the Curriculum Department. The approved tools will use only student ID, first and last name. Vendors who provide the District approved online tools do not collect personally identifiable information (PII) per the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy statements. The District cautions that students using their own devices/personal accounts, which do not have Internet filtering, may have access to apps/extensions that have not been vetted and approved for safety and security measures.