

CLINTON PRAIRIE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

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CPSC 1:1 Program - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why is Clinton Prairie High School going 1:1?

The mission of the 1:1 program at Clinton Prairie is to create a collaborative learning environment for all learners grades 7-12. This environment will facilitate the transformative uses of technology while enhancing students' engagement with content and promoting the development of self-directed and lifelong learners. Clinton Prairie strives to prepare students for an ever-changing world that sees technological advancements happening at a rapid rate and is committed to preparing students for whatever path they choose after high school.

2. Did the school district research other school districts that have already implemented 1:1 initiatives to help with decision making?

CPSC formed a technology committee that included administrators, teachers, and technology staff members from the elementary and Jr.-Sr. High Schools that met to discuss the best options for the corporation. In addition, the committee consulted with outside school districts to assist in our decision making processes.

3. When will my student receive his/her Chromebook?

The rollout for the Chromebooks will be on Monday, August 12th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the multi-purpose room for grade 7 and any new students in grades 8 - 12. Parents/Guardians must review and sign the Clinton Prairie Chromebook Agreement before a Chromebook can be issued.

4. Why were Chromebooks selected?

Chromebooks are the better choice for a 1:1 program for several reasons. Their cost is very economical versus a laptop. Chromebooks average around \$350, whereas most laptops are going to start around \$450. On average, Chromebooks are lighter and the battery lasts longer than a laptop. Chromebooks don't need software installed, other than the operating system, thus, saving the costs of purchasing the various software licenses for a laptop. Schools using the Google for Education version, now called G Suite, include similar programs for word documents, spreadsheets and presentations versus having to purchase Microsoft programs. Google programs provide students and teachers the opportunity to create and share documents, store assignments, conduct research, take tests and return graded assignments. CPSC has used Google for Education (G Suite) for several years now with the students using it for their classwork on a daily basis.

5. How much will students be charged for technology fees?

Technology fees will be \$25.00. This fee is for the cost of the Chromebook case.

6. Will students be able to take Chromebooks home?

Yes. Once students review and sign the Clinton Prairie Chromebook Agreement, they will receive their Chromebook and case and allowed to take their Chromebook home.

7. Can I add a printer at home and download/install programs?

Most printers will work with your Chromebook; however, CPSC cannot provide assistance in connecting your device. Downloading programs requires an administrator password. Students do not have this password.

8. Will the Chromebook belong to the student?

No. The Chromebook is the property of CPSC. Students who transfer out of or withdraw must turn in their Chromebook of their last day of attendance. Failure to turn in their Chromebook will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost and file a report of stolen property with local law enforcement.

9. Are parents notified if their child misuses the equipment?

Yes. The principal or assistant principal will contact parents of children who misuse the equipment.

10. What if my Chromebook stops working?

All Chromebooks in need of repair must be taken to the Technology Support (TS) office as soon as possible. The TS personnel will analyze and fix the problems they can and take the necessary steps on issues they cannot fix. Corporation-owned Chromebooks should never be taken to an outside computer service for any type of repairs or maintenance.

11. What will I do while my Chromebook is being repaired?

Loaner Chromebooks may be issued to students when they leave their school issued Chromebook for repair in the TS (technical support) office. A student borrowing a Chromebook must sign a loaner agreement and will be responsible for any damage or loss of the loaned device. Chromebooks on loan to students having their devices repaired may be taken home. A member of the TS office will contact students once their device has been repaired.

12. Are students allowed to use their Chromebook for personal use?

Students are encouraged to use their Chromebooks at home and other locations outside of school. A WiFi Internet connection will be required for the majority of the Chromebook use; however, some applications can be used while not connected to the Internet. Students are bound by the Clinton Prairie Acceptable Use Policy, administrative procedures, and Chromebook agreement.

13. How will my student be protected while on the Internet?

The corporation utilizes an Internet content filter that is in compliance with the federally mandated Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). All Chromebooks, regardless of physical location will have all Internet activity protected and monitored by the corporation. If a website is blocked in school, then it will be blocked out of school. If an educationally valuable site is blocked, students should contact their teachers to request the site be unlocked.

14. What insurance is available for the Chromebook?

The school will sponsor an optional insurance program. The annual premium will cost \$25 a year and it covers all losses except for normal wear & tear, student neglect and manufacturer's defects. Details of this policy can be found [HERE](#).