

Parent Info Sheet

Chromebooks 2019-20

Blythewood Middle is distributing Chromebooks (CBs) this year on Tuesday, August 27th. Students Read about these two requirements in the [InfoSnap information on RUP and Insurance](#).

- All students will get a new device, case, and charger. Students will keep their cases throughout their time at BMS. Each year they will be re-issued a device from our previous year's collection.

Blythewood Middle students will have new Chromebook cases this year.

- Chromebookss are installed in the cases
- These cases are designed to be able to open and use the CB without ever taking the CB out of the case
- Students are expected to keep their CBs in their cases at ***all times***.
- There is no space in this case for a charger. Please charge at home and leave charger there
- Students should not add any stickers or markings to their devices. Cases can be personalized but no materials should be put on the Chromebooks.

Students are expected to be prepared for learning:

- Device is charged.
- Battery usage is limited to instructional needs (Don't charge phones in the USB port. Constant videos and music drains the battery.)
- Students may have headphones in the possibilty the teacher requires them for an activity. Students should not be listening to their own music during instruction with their headphones.
- Classroom expectations are met

Parents are Partners

- Parents are the final say on CB use at home
- Discuss terms of use, such as
 - Hours that CB can be used
 - Location where CB can be used (monitored, etc)
 - Where the regular charging station will be and what time the device should be plugged in each night.
- Check with the teacher if you have questions about student requirements on CB at home for a class

Technology Insurance

- This \$20 should be listed on your student's invoice on their parent portal account

- The **deadline to purchase technology insurance is September 30, 2019**
- After September 30th, all students with no insurance will be charged the cost of repair for any damage. Repair is \$150 for a damaged screen or system board (keep liquids away!) and \$75 for any cracked or damaged plastics
- Insurance covers 1 incident of damage and once it's used, any further damage will be charged the full cost of repair to the student's account
- Only students who have paid the tech insurance will be eligible for loaner CBs while their device is in for repair, whether for damage or just trouble
- Students who start school later than the first days will have 30 days from the time of enrollment to purchase the \$20 technology insurance.

Responsible Use Procedures

- This RUP needs to be signed every year
- It's part of the annual registration, so if you completed that online, you were able to select to accept the RUP terms.

Where do students go if they have trouble with a CB during the school year?

- Students should ask their teacher or use a fellow classmates device, or stop by the library to complete the [Chromebook Help Form](#). Mr. Abernathy will see this submission and respond to the students need. Students should not come to the library to see Mr. Abernathy without permission from their teacher.

Can students use their personal device instead of a Chromebook?

- Students who use their own devices must turn in a [Personal Electronic Communication Devices](#) form each year

Who do parents contact if they have a question about Chromebook repair or other issues?

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