



# **Talawanda School District**

## **Parent/Student Information Packet**

### **1:1 Initiative**

#### **Mission Statement:**

Talawanda Empowers Every Learner Every Day!

#### **Vision Statement:**

Talawanda will be a collaborative, flexible, inviting community where innovation guides learning inside and outside of the school walls.

#### **Core Value:**

1. Access real world resources.
2. Learn through relevant experiences.
3. Cultivate knowledge networks.

“We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher’s hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world.” - David Warlick

## **Introduction:**

Talawanda School District introduced a 1:1 (One to One) initiative at the High School for the 2014-2015 school year. Beginning in August, all middle school students will be included in this plan. Each student will be issued a Chromebook to use at school and at home. The expectation is the student will be responsible for bringing the fully charged device to school each day.

Mobile devices are powerful and versatile tools that can enhance student learning in a multitude of ways. The majority of students already own a mobile device and they have already incorporated its use into their daily lives. Educators around the world are now finding ways to harness the power of mobile devices so that students can extend their use into the educational environment.

Talawanda High School believes that 21st Century instruction is necessary for 21st Century learning. Providing students with an environment that fosters and encourages this belief is part of our core values. All members of our learning community hold the responsibility to value technology and achieve technological proficiency to prepare our students for future jobs, which currently may not exist. Schools must challenge students with rigorous, personalized academic experiences, foster innovation and creativity, and embrace emerging technologies. In a 21st Century learning environment, students actively engage in a cohesively integrated curriculum, access information and apply it in solving authentic problems.

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally-owned devices in their pockets that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace. With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction in every subject, thereby, maximizing their opportunity for success in school and beyond. A decade ago this was just a dream. Today, it can be a reality.

Any questions or comments should be directed to:

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# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions – Students

**Question:** I brought my personal device to class but my teacher said I had to put it away. Can I still use it?

**Answer:** The teacher has authority over classroom procedures. You may use your device when he/she gives you permission to do so.

**Question:** I need to print something. Is this allowed?

**Answer:** Limited use of printers will be allowed in specific locations. There is no guarantee that you will have open access to these locations during the school day.

**Question:** My personal device was stolen at school. Who should I contact about this?

**Answer:** Bringing your own technology device to school can be useful but some risks are involved as well. It is good practice to record the device's model and serial number in case of theft. Talawanda School District is not responsible for the theft or damage done to the device. If a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the situation so it will be handled the same way as any other theft. It is also recommended to contact the Student Resource Officer (SRO) to submit a police report.

**Question:** Am I still held accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP") I signed at the beginning of the school year even though I am using my own personal device?

**Answer:** Yes. The Acceptable Use Policy for Talawanda School District remains in effect even when you are using your own device because you will be connecting to the district's wireless network. Violating the terms of the AUP is a student code of conduct violation and is dealt with by school and/or district administration.

**Question:** How will we keep the Chromebooks charged during the day?

**Answer:** It is the student's responsibility to bring the fully charged device to school. Under typical use, the battery will last through a full day of classes. Some types of activities drain the battery more quickly, particularly activities that put a lot of demand on graphics. The screen is the single biggest consumer of battery life.

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Parents**

**Question:** What steps can I take if my child's personal device is stolen or damaged?

**Answer:** Talawanda School is not responsible for any damage or theft of student owned equipment. Keeping track of the device's serial number, model and type will be helpful as well. Theft or vandalism of any kind should be reported immediately to the school administration and/or resource officer so he/she can take the appropriate steps. Damage or theft is still the responsibility of the student.

**Question:** Do we have to get a district Chromebook? If you don't want one, why do you have to get one? Why do we need the Chromebooks? Will students be required to take a Chromebook?

**Answer:** Yes, every student will be issued a Chromebook. In order for class activities to fully benefit from having computers available, your teachers and peers should be able to depend on you to have the needed tools in class to complete assignments and assessments.

**Question:** Will my child's Internet be filtered at school even though they are using their own device?

**Answer:** Yes. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all public school network access to be filtered. If a student is using a non-school wireless connection, the school cannot guarantee a filter will be in place.

**Question:** How can my child's computing device connect to the Internet?

**Answer:** Talawanda School District provides a registered wireless network "Talawanda-BYOD" which students may connect to while using their devices in the building.

**Question:** Are there suggested accessories?

**Answer:** A protective sleeve or bag will be provided with each chromebook. The expectation is that the device will remain in this protective sleeve or bag while not in use. This will provide more protection for the day-to-day use of these computing devices. A headset with microphone will be useful when accessing a website with audio and/or video.

**Question:** Will there be "charging stations" so my child's electronic device can be recharged?

**Answer:** Students should report to school with their device fully charged. The school will attempt to provide opportunities to charge a device, but cannot guarantee availability in every classroom.

**Question:** What software will be needed on my child's personal computer?

**Answer:** No software needs to be purchased.

**Question:** Who pays for the technology issued by the school district?

**Answer:** These devices will be purchased by, and remain the property of, Talawanda School District.

**Question:** Who is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of devices my child brings to school?

**Answer:** Families must stress the responsibilities their children have when bringing their own computing devices to school. Any devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility. Talawanda High School takes no responsibility to search for lost or stolen devices, nor is there any assumption of financial responsibility by Talawanda High School for damaged, lost or stolen personal computing devices.

**Question:** Will the family need to have Internet access at home?

**Answer:** No. It would be helpful, however, to have some form of Internet access (wired or wireless) in order for a child to make full use of school resources from home, as well as the multitude of resources available on the internet. But, it is not required in order for a child to use a personal computing device at school.

**Question:** When can my child use the electronic device at school?

**Answer:** Students may use their electronic devices in class as instructed by the teacher. Students may use their electronic devices during the school day within identified spaces.

**Question:** Will my child be expected to use his or her computing device both at school and at home?

**Answer:** Just as with traditional assignments, some assignments may need to be completed at home. If there is a computing device malfunction or an interruption of Internet connectivity at home, a student may use computers during the school day.