



Technology at LPS

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Technology Use

As the curriculum in Leicester becomes more digital, all students in grades 3-12 will need access to an Internet-connected device throughout the day and at home to access the curriculum and their classwork. Families have three options:

1. The district has a program where we can provide your student with a device to be used at school and at home. Families that choose this option will pay \$40 annually for Chromebook insurance through a third party that covers accidental damage including drops, liquid spills, and mishandling.
2. If a family wishes to use their own device at home, and at school, we have published a set of device recommendations and minimum specifications: <http://bit.ly/2FLXZT0>.
3. If a family wishes to use their own device at home, such as a desktop PC but are unable to use that device in school, a device can be provided for students to use at school that needs to be checked in and out each day. This option may not be available every day, based on the number of devices available.

If you choose **option one**, we will provide:

- **A touch screen Chromebook**, with a battery that will last the day.
- **24/7 virus, and web filtering protection.** While no web filter is perfect, a Leicester Public School's Chromebook is the safest way for your child to access the Internet. It is important to monitor your child's internet activities.
- **Unlimited claims for accidental damage** with no deductible. If the device is ever damaged, we will provide the student with a loaner device until his or her device is repaired at no cost to you. When a device needs to be repaired, students should bring the device to the school's designated area and receive a loaner device. Please be advised, additional fees may be applied if the device is found to be intentionally vandalized by the student.

If you choose **option 2 or 3**, we will still provide:

- A Google Account, with access to any of the software and programs the school will use.
 - **24/7 virus protection but only when the student is logged into their School Google Account.**
 - A loaner device to be used at school only if the student's personal device is broken or forgotten.

How do I enroll in the 1:1 Chromebook program?

You will receive an email that the [payment/registration portal](#) is opened in early August, and all payments must go through the portal. If you are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, the cost is \$20 annually. To apply for this lunch program, please contact cascionel@lpsma.net. For additional financial assistance, please contact your building Principal.

Student/Family Expectations

- **Students should bring their charged Chromebooks to school each day.** Chromebooks will not be required for every assignment, but students should come to class prepared to use them. Just like a pencil.
- **Never bring your charger to school.** Broken and/or lost chargers are not covered by the technology fee. If a student loses or breaks their charger, they are expected to cover the cost of replacement.
- While the device remains the property of the district, **students should care for it as if it was their own.**

WiFi Connectivity

- **Home WiFi is recommended**, though not necessary at all times. Spectrum offers broadband programs for families in need at <http://spectruminternetassist.com>. If you need additional assistance, contact your building principal.



Digital Learning at LPS

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We believe technology allows students to take ownership of their learning and should be allowed to use the tools that work best for them. Communication, collaboration, and creativity are some of the most valuable skills our students can master during their time in the Leicester Public Schools. The use of technology enables students to hone their skills and be better prepared for a 21st Century career.

Beliefs About Learning	How does digital learning support our beliefs?
<p>We believe in providing varied learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate by sharing documents through Google and working together online. • Communicate effectively with peers using technology and participate in educational opportunities beyond the classroom and in diverse environments. • Utilize technology to publish digital artifacts.
<p>We believe in teaching higher-order thinking skills.</p>	<p>Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply techniques and strategies to solve problems posed within the classroom and community. • Create products collaboratively using a variety of strategies.

For more information on our Vision of Digital Learning, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2FOLBPF>

What edtech tools do we use?	
	<p>We believe that learning must extend beyond the walls of our schools for students to compete with their peers. We must provide students with any time, anywhere access to the curriculum and the necessary tools to personalize their education.</p> <p>Teachers in grades K-12 use a variety of tools to engage and motivate students to do their best. All students have a Google Account that provides them with access to a rich set of age-appropriate applications that they can use along with their teacher and classmates. Additionally, all students in grades 1-12 have access to Leicester's CORE4 digital learning applications. These four apps are geared toward reinforcing the five core values of the digital learning program: Collaboration, Communication, Problem Solving, Creating, and Publishing.</p> <p>For more information about educational technology use in the classroom visit: http://bit.ly/LPS-about-edtech</p>