

<u>2025-2026 School Year Grades 6th - 12th</u> <u>1:1 School-Managed Chromebook Program</u>

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the educational experience for our students and ensuring their safety and success in the digital age, we <u>require all</u> students in 6th - 12th grade to participate in our 1:1 School-Managed Chromebook Program. All Upper School students will now use these chromebooks after successful implementation with our 6th graders for the 2024-2025 school year.

A \$400 technology fee per Upper School student re-enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year will be added to their family account. Once the finance department has added the fee(s) to the family account, payments can be made toward the fee through Facts. The due date is May 30th and any unpaid balances will automatically draft then.

The \$400 annual cost to participate in our 1:1 School-Managed Chromebook Program for the 2025-2026 school year will be a \$400 technology fee per student. The \$400 fee will cover the Chromebook, charger, Chromebook license, sturdy protection case, Securly software. The technology fee also helps to offset the salary of additional staff to implement and support the program.

Families also have the option to add on insurance by using the <u>HCLA 1:1 Chromebook</u> Form. Families not opting into the insurance for '25-26 will be billed for all repairs to their students' Chromebook.

Our 1:1 School-Managed Chromebook Program aims to:

1. **Promote Digital Citizenship and Safety:** Our School-Managed Chromebook Program allows us to implement robust safety features and controls to protect

students online from inappropriate content and activity. With the Chromebook device-based web filtering and monitoring systems in addition to our existing web filtering, we can ensure a more controlled and secured online environment for students to explore and learn. Specifically, the devices will come with a software package called Securly, which will allow us to have enhanced capabilities in the following areas, **both at home and school**:

- a. <u>Safety</u>: ensuring students' computer use is limited to academic activities
- b. <u>Wellness</u>: filtering and notifications to alert staff of concerning access or content creation by students
- c. <u>Engagement</u>: consistent classroom delivery of learning materials and computer applications
- Simplify Technology Management: Managing a fleet of school-managed Chromebooks allows us to streamline technical support and maintenance processes, ensuring that devices are always up-to-date and running smoothly. The goal is to also cut down on out-of-school troubleshooting and technology management for families.

Please refer to our <u>FAQs answer sheet</u> for any additional questions you may have.

There will be a summer orientation for <u>all families</u> regarding '25-'26 technology use at HCLA. Dates and times are still to be determined.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our students!

Sincerely,

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