Monte Vista School District

1-to-1 Computer Initiative

Chromebook Purchase, Lease-to Purchase, and BYOD Program

Monte Vista School District is continuing our 1-to-1 student computer program by switching away from the very ineffective KUNO tablet devices to Samsung Chromebooks.

There are two changes to the program that we hope will allow more family flexibility in this program. Our goal remains to provide as many individual devices *as is necessary* from grades 4-12. The program change is that students in 6th through 12th grades now have the opportunity to bring their own laptop or Chromebook device! And the district is providing parents a choice to either outright purchase or lease-to-purchase a Samsung Chromebook III through the district.

Just as we started two years ago, we will continue to provide individual devices for our students to use at school and at home *when necessary* to complete school required work. But with the *BYOD* [Bring Your Own Device] and *CPP* [Chromebook Purchase Program] options students will have fewer restrictions on the use of the devices. There are some limitations that must be understood if you choose the BYOD and either Purchase option.

1. Under BYOD and CPP parents are responsible for any and all repair costs that develop with the device, the district will not be able to provide any repair or software support for issues that develop. But the district will not be able to restrict what a student puts on their device

2. Under BYOD and CPP students must have approved anti-virus software in place and functioning while on the district network. This approval must come from the District Technology staff individually prior to the student first using the district network. This requirement cannot be waived as it helps protect the District computer network.

3. Students are solely responsible for any theft or damage that may occur with BYOD or CPP devices including when they are on school property. The District will of course aid in the investigation and prosecution of any of any harmful events, but will not accept any financial liability for such. It is for this reason that we *strongly encourage* students to purchase a device insurance policy that can be purchased for as little as $11 per year. [Information is available from the District.]

4. CPP and BYOD students must also understand that when an assignment calls for specific software the student will be responsible for downloading the software to their own devices. This process is normally done via the district network management software, but this option does not exist for non-Chromebook devices. However, If you purchase you own Chromebook device [or purchase one through the District] you have the option to buy Google Console, which is software that allows the district to “see” a device and help manage downloading and removal of approved software. Console also allows the device to be filtered anywhere the device is used online with the same level of security as is in place while the device is on school premises and logged in to the District network. The cost of the option is $27 and only expires when the device dies or the student leaves the District.

Under the *Lease-to-Purchase Chromebook* portion of the program the same restrictions apply to the device as will apply to those that are provided to students by the District. Specifically the leased Chromebooks are required to have Google Console [factored into the Lease price] and must also carry the insurance [also factored into the Lease price]. However, at the end of the one or two year lease-to-purchase agreement the Chromebook then becomes the property of the student.

At that time the device is the property of the student the Console fee will have been completely paid, but the student/parent then has the option to have it remain in place or removed. The insurance fee is also paid up, but only for an additional year. After the 3rd year of ownership it becomes the responsibility of the parent to either purchase a new insurance policy or let it drop.

Similar to the older KUNO program *the District will to provide Chromebooks to students who do not participate* in the BYOD or CPP. The use restrictions in place with the previous 1-to-1 Initiative remain in effect for the coming school year. Also the $40 Annual Tech User Fee remains in place. Students who qualify for FREE lunch can have this amount reduced to $20 per year but must request that reduction and eligibility for Free Lunch status must be provided prior to being issued a Chromebook.