BASDEmpower for 8th Graders

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What is BASDEmpower?

In 2019, the BASD is providing each student in 8th, 9th, & 10th grade with a new Chromebook for use in class and at home. This is in place of the other materials we distribute to students.

Each student will be issued a new Chromebook, a case, and a charger.

The Chromebook is a 2-in-1 laptop, with a keyboard and screen/stylus. The screen flips around to be used as a traditional laptop or tablet.

The Chromebook & case fits in most backpacks and should be balanced with no hardcover textbooks and a reduction of paper materials.

Why is the BASD giving students Chromebooks?

Students need access to consistent devices daily for school and home activities.

There are varied types & age of devices in use in homes across the district, causing unequal access for all students.

Having a consistent device in use daily is preferred for students.

Personal laptop devices are not permitted on the BASD network.

Significant reduction in the use of traditional textbooks, which mirrors a national trend at secondary schools and colleges. Online materials are updated frequently with the latest information & tools.

What will students be using them for?

Students were issued Chromebooks in 7th grade for use during school classes.

All textbooks, learning management software, and programs are delivered online.

    Students will continue to use paper consumable books in English and Math as a matching tool with online resources. .

    Students will continue to use paper novels in English.

    Students will continue to use a mix of paper & online materials in all other subjects.

We need to teach this generation of student to use both types of materials interchangeably, even though we may not have learned this way.

What if we do not have wi-fi in our home?

Students can use a hotspot, which is a device which can be signed out of our Library.

BASD has partnered with many local agencies to make sure our new Chromebooks connect with existing wi-fi systems (ex. BAPL, Hanover Township Community Center)

BASD continues to actively pursue city-wide wi-fi systems for students.

Do you have concerns about screen time?

Yes, we do have concerns about screen time!

We differentiate between types of screentime, from passive watching to actively engaged in creation of new content.

Please review the BASD statement on screen time on our BASD website.

We train & discuss with teachers about the use of technology.

Using technology is neither good nor bad.

We always prioritize quality over quantity.

What are students responsible for?

Using their Chromebook in school and at home for assignments.

Protecting their Chromebook by using the district-issued case in and out of school.

Charging their device daily for use each day. Setting an alarm is a great idea!

Carrying their Chromebook and charger in their case to all classes.

Reporting any issues or concerns to the Library immediately.

Note: Students may purchase a optional "shell" as additional protection & to decorate their Chromebook. These are available online or at our School Store. This MUST fit the Lenovo 500e. .

What about damage?

We have a tiered system for repairs and damage.

    1st time - BASD will cover any repairs. No cost to parent.

    2nd time - Replacement costs for specific parts will be billed (costs online)

    3rd time - Replacement of device or specific parts will be billed (costs online)

This is reviewed by building administration before 2nd or 3rd time. Administrators will address situations where damage occurs by someone else.

Optional insurance for students available online for $22 at the link available on BASD website. This must be purchased within 30 days (For Nitschmann: Monday, 9/30).

What is monitored by the BASD?

While students are responsible for following School Board Policy Number 815 - Computer, Network, and Internet Use, their computer use will be monitored and filtered both at school and at home.

Anytime a student logs into their BASD Google account, all usage is filtered through our district web filter.

Faculty does not actively monitor student use outside of school hours.

The Chromebook and its accessories should be used by only the student.

Teachers use Go-Guardian to actively monitor and supervise students with use in the classroom.

Questions