

Dear Parents and Students,

Ozark Middle School is excited to announce sixth and seventh grade students will be included in the 1:1 Chromebook Initiative for the 2018 – 2019 school year. This means every sixth and seventh grade student will have the opportunity to have a Chromebook to use in the classroom and be able to take the device home and use it for educational purposes. Teachers will use technology for instruction, assignments, projects, research, and assessment. Now, students will be able to not only have access to these items at school but also at home. There will be no technology fee or insurance cost for students to have a Chromebook to use at home, and the device has filtering software that protects the student both at school and at home.

In order to receive a device, parents and students must sign an Acceptable Use Policy and a Device Take Home Agreement Form. These will be available on the OMS website as part of the online registration paperwork. Before receiving a device, students will attend a Chrome Camp to ensure they understand the care, responsibility and expectations involved in taking home a Chromebook. Even though there is no fee to use the Chromebooks or insurance cost, students are responsible for the care of the device. The school carries insurance on the Chromebooks that will cover one accidental breakage per school year. Any breakages after this would need to be covered at the expense of the student's legal guardian. All negligent behavior will result in the student being responsible for repairs. This will further be explained in the Chrome Camp informational session. Although parents and guardians are not required to attend a Chrome Camp session, we do encourage you to go over the information located on the OMS website along with the other information given to your child so that best practices with the device can be supported at home.

Once the Acceptable Use Policy and Device Take Home Agreement forms have been signed, students will come to Chrome Camp during the first week of school, and the device will be issued. Again, parents must sign the required forms before a Chromebook is distributed.

If you are not interested in your child taking home the device, there will be an alternative checkout program so that students can check out their assigned device before school and return the device before going home every day.

Here is to a successful year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ford, Dr. Brown and Mrs. Watkins