

January 11, 2018

The Oneida City School District is planning a 1:1 Chromebook Pilot as part of our District Instructional Technology Plan (one Chromebook : one student). With the use of technology, we encourage students and teachers to experience, communicate, collaborate, and create in ways that traditional textbooks and curriculum alone can't provide. Technology is a part of our culture and continues to be embedded as a regular part of the process of how our students learn.

We are excited to share that we will begin the first phase of the 1:1 Chromebook Pilot at the beginning of second semester for a select group of 10th grade classes. Students in the classes listed in the FAQ on the back page of this letter will be provided with their own Chromebooks to use throughout the school day and at home. It is our goal to continue providing devices to additional grade levels during the 2018-2019 school year and beyond.

Students in the pilot will participate in a short orientation where they will learn about Chromebook expectations and procedures at school and at home. Shortly thereafter, Chromebooks will be delivered to students to use for the duration of the school year. In June, Chromebooks will be collected for inventory and maintenance.

A 1:1 User Guide and Handbook and answers to common questions about the program have been posted to the district's Technology website www.oneidacsd.org > Departments > Technology > 1:1.

Additionally, it is highly encouraged that you attend a 1:1 Parent and Community Information Night on Monday, January 29th at 5:30 pm in the HS Auditorium where we will share more about the program and answer questions.

Attached please find a 1:1 Student & Parent Device Agreement. This form serves as an acknowledgement and understanding of expectations and procedures for the program. Please complete it with your child and return it to the High School Main Office.

This is an exciting step for our district and our students, and it would not be possible without the support of our teachers, administrators, Board of Education, and the Oneida City School District community.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

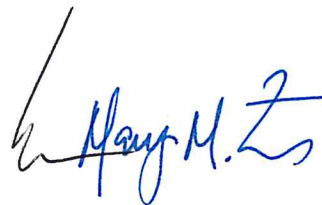
Sincerely,



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Quick FAQ

(For additional FAQ's please visit our website www.oneidacsd.org > Departments > Technology > 1:1)

What is 1:1?

One Chromebook for every student.

What exactly is a Pilot?

A pilot is a small scale preliminary study to evaluate crucial components such as the feasibility, time, cost, and effect of a particular project prior to its full-scale rollout. The results of the pilot will help answer "Can the larger rollout of this project go as planned or should something be adjusted?"

Why was the Chromebook chosen?

The Chromebook was chosen based on the speed of log in, long battery life, integrated relationship with Google Apps for Education, price, limited maintenance, automatic updates, and virus protection.

What is the cost to families?

The district will purchase the Chromebook, a case, and charging brick.

When is the pilot starting?

The pilot will start at the beginning of second school semester.

Why go 1:1?

The Goal of the Oneida City School District is to provide our students with a high-quality comprehensive education that prepares them with a foundation of knowledge and skills for life, college, and career. The 1:1 take-home program is to provide students with access to digital tools and resources that will allow them to be successful learners both inside and outside of the traditional classroom walls.

How was my student chosen for the 1:1 Pilot?

In consultation with teachers, guidance counselors, and administration, ten teachers who teach the majority of 10th grade students were chosen.

I have a student who is not in the 10th grade but taking a 10th grade class, will they get a Chromebook?

Yes. If your student is in any of the classes listed below they will get a Chromebook.

What classes are included in the Pilot?

Mr. Murano - AP World History, Basic Global 10, Global 10R & Basic Global 10R

Ms. Bamberger / Ms. Dolson - Basic English 10

Ms. Robinson/ Ms. Niles - Consumer Math and Science 10-12

Mr. Goggins - Earth Science R

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Mr. Kramer - English 10R

Ms. McKay - English 10R

Mr. Fuller - Geometry

Mr. Skibitski – Geometry

Mr. Meeker – Basic Global 10, Resource, and Unified Social Studies 10/11

Ms. Gleason - Spanish 3

Ms. Dolson - Unified AIS Reading Skills 10-12, AIS 1-12 & Basic English 10

How will students save work?

By using their Google Suite account @ocsdny.org, all work is automatically saved to the cloud. If students are in a location with limited or no internet services, Chromebooks have the ability to save work offline until they are connected to the Internet again. Once the Chromebook is connected to the Internet again, the student can sync their work back to the cloud.

What's Google Suite?

Google Suite or G Suite (formerly Google Apps) is a brand of cloud computing, productivity and collaboration tools, software and products developed by Google. These cloud apps include Google Docs, Google Drive and Google Classroom to name a few.