



# Coronado Elementary School Chatfield Area Chromebook Initiative



## Talking Points and FAQ

The Chatfield Area Chromebook Initiative is coming to Coronado in the fall of 2018! The intent of this initiative is to begin a technology infusion rollout so that eventually every student 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have access to an educational technology device to support a blended learning environment – a combination of in-person instruction and education technology that enables additional personalization and customization of learning opportunities.

***Vision: To provide access and equity both at school and at home to all students by providing technology that fosters and cultivates digital citizens who are empowered learners, knowledge constructors, innovative designers, computational thinkers, creative communicators, and global collaborators.***

In the fall of 2018 **all incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students** will receive a new Chromebook at the beginning of the year. A “rent-to-own” fee of \$200 will be posted onto each student account during registration. Devices will be distributed at Back to School Night during 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher presentations. General information regarding in-class usage, technology literacy, student responsibility and the school to home connection will be shared with families at this event.

**Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders** at Coronado will also have the option of participating in this initiative and will see an “optional” \$200 rent-to-own fee on their accounts. Purchasing a Chromebook in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will help students prepare for increased technology use in middle school and will also help families avoid both the Chromebook fee and the Outdoor Lab fee in the same year (6<sup>th</sup> grade).

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to receive the benefits of district technology enrollment these devices will remain the property of the school until the student either leaves Coronado/Jeffco or graduates from elementary school. At that time, the family may request a “bill of sale” available from the Financial Secretary stating the fee previously paid allows the student to retain the device.

### ***What are the benefits of 1:1 education instruction?***

- The future is rapidly changing and requires new skills and adequate preparation to be ready for college, career, and citizenship opportunities.
- Blended learning strategies incorporate the best of traditional face-to-face instruction that is technology-enriched and better suited toward personalization and customization of learning.
- Coronado Elementary and all Chatfield area schools are committed to providing students and teachers with the tools to reach their full potential and succeed in a rapidly changing world.

### ***Benefits of district technology enrollment:***

When a device is managed by the school district, there are benefits **not** available to students who choose the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) option. At the elementary level, we find that BYOD creates challenges and frustrations for students when attempting to operate within the Jeffco firewall.

- Internal network vs Instructional network or Community network – if we allowed students to bring their own computer/device, they would only be able to access our network as a guest.

This does not give them access to school-used software, apps and other tools that are automatically loaded onto a district-provided device.

- Filters – school apps and device – Jeffco Public Schools does not maintain nor allow outside computers to access their safety filters. BYO devices are not protected with filters designed to safeguard their web search practices, nor are outside devices supported if something breaks or does not work well. District-issued computers benefit from web filters, support at the local school, and efficient operation throughout the building.
- Consistency for all teachers and students – instruction and access is much more efficient for teachers and students when they are all using a similar tool. Processes and expectations are more easily communicated with clarity when all tools are alike.
- Device warranty and technical support provided by district and school personnel – not provided to students with non-district devices.

### ***Why a Chromebook?***

A Chromebook is an inexpensive laptop with a long battery life that only requires simple maintenance and runs the Google Chrome operating system. They are ideal for use with the Jeffco Google domain. Files are stored in the cloud so that students can access them anywhere from any device. They are not designed to be gaming devices, so student distractions will be mitigated. We can provide consistent access, reliable connectivity, and valuable equity for all of our students with these devices. Click here or browse the following tinyurl: <https://tinyurl.com/md36cz5>.

### ***How and when will students receive their new Chromebook?***

- At Back to School Night (*tentatively, August 15, 2018*), families will receive student Chromebooks during 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class presentations.
  - Chromebooks will remain at school for immediate student use
  - Information about usage, support, and expectations will be communicated
  - Family Rent To Own Contracts should be signed and returned at this time or prior

### ***How will the initiative be funded?***

- A rent-to-own fee of \$200 will be added to registration for the new device.
- At the time the student graduates or leaves the school, the family will request a “bill of sale” available from the Financial Secretary stating the fee previously paid allows the student to retain the device.

### ***Can my student bring his/her own device instead?***

Students are highly encouraged to use the district education technology in order to receive the greatest benefits from the initiative:

- Network connections with fastest speeds possible (internal network vs instructional network)
- District/school-based tech support
- Device warranty and repair
- Classroom access and equity

### ***What happens if a device breaks or is not working correctly?***

Chromebooks are the student’s responsibility; however, they will likely be kept at school for the majority of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year. We will have recommendations for cases and will provide secure storage for all devices at school. Once students start taking their Chromebook home, we will follow the same policy for a damaged, lost or stolen textbook. If stolen, or damaged by someone else, immediately file a police and incident report in the main office.

Student technology assistants may be trained to support in-class troubleshooting issues. Warranty work, updates and significant troubleshooting will be completed as much as possible by our Digital Teacher Librarian and district technology support staff. Backup devices will be available to be checked out if further repair or resetting is necessary for the device.

### ***Can our family opt-out?***

Families may choose to opt-out or decide to purchase a device during a later year of elementary or middle school. We respect the personal beliefs and values of all families, and we would neither require nor force families to conform to a 1:1 technology structure with which they disagree or are uncomfortable. Children of families who opt-out would be provided with a school-owned device to use in class whenever necessary, and any assignments requiring a device at home would not be required.

### ***Which device will be provided?***

#### **Lenovo 100e Chromebook**

Basic clamshell (laptop) design with a front facing camera. Rugged design with bumpers on the frame, reinforced 180 degree hinges, and a water resistant keyboard.



- **Screen Size:** 11.6" non-touch
- **Screen Resolution:** 1366 X 768
- **Processor:** Intel Celeron N3350 / 2.4GHz
- **RAM:** 4GB
- **Hard Drive:** 32GB SSD
- **Webcam:** Yes, 720p
- **Video Output:** None -USB-C to HDMI or VGA adapter needed
- **Wireless:** 802.11 ac (2 x 2)
- **Ethernet Port:** none
- **USB Port:** 2 x USB 3.0 and 2 x USB-C
- **Additional Ports:** Micro SD, combo mic/audio jack
- **Battery:** 42 Whr, up to 10 hrs
- **Dimensions:** 11.41" x 8.03" x 0.78"
- **Weight:** 2.75 lb
- **Auto Update Expiration date:** November 2023
- **Jeffco's Anticipated End of Life:** May 2024

\*\*\***White Glove Service:** Ready to use out of the box

**Vendor:** DHE #104908

**Warranty information:** 1 year

