

North Oldham Middle School (NOMS)

1 : 1 Chromebook Program **Frequently Asked Questions**



Q: How do students at NOMS use Chromebooks?

A: Teachers and students use Chromebooks each day at NOMS. Most of the textbooks, notebooks, worksheets and other handouts we use on campus are shared with students electronically, completed online and graded electronically. Teachers organize their classrooms using Google Classroom and post grades to electronic gradebooks on Infinite Campus.

Q: How long has NOMS been a 1:1 Chromebook School?

A: Through fundraising and matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, NOMS started purchasing Chromebooks in 2015. We have been a 1:1 school since the 2017-18 school year.

Q: How are Chromebooks monitored at school?

A: Teachers will use a monitoring software called Hapara while the Chromebook is at school. This software allows the teacher to see your child's Chromebook screen, track the websites that your child visits and block specific websites from the administrative terminal. Chromebook monitoring ends when the school day is over. Teachers will not monitor Chromebook use outside of school.

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Q: What is the Chromebook Leasing Program?

A: NOMS is the only 1:1 Chromebook School in Oldham County and we have been selected to implement a leasing program starting in the 2019-20 school year. Through this pilot program, students in **6th grade and 7th** will lease a Chromebook during the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years. They will take this Chromebook to and from school and use this Chromebook to complete their school assignments both on and off campus.

8th graders are not participating in the Leasing Program and will use Chromebooks from our previous fund raising activities. These Chromebooks will remain on campus and will be subject to repair fees should they be damaged during the school year. (See below for repair fees)

Q: Why is NOMS starting a Chromebook Leasing program now?

A: Chromebooks have an average working life of approximately three years (depending on daily usage). Many of the Chromebooks we purchased during the 2015-16 school year are no longer usable on campus. Our Chromebook Leasing program will help ensure that the students at NOMS have access to Chromebooks each day at school.

Q: How much does the lease cost for 6th and 7th grade?

A: 6th and 7th grade students will pay \$105 per year for three and two years respectively.

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Q: What does the \$105 cover?

A: The yearly lease covers the cost of the Chromebook, an insurance policy that will fix damage to the Chromebook, monitoring software for teachers at NOMS, setup of the device on our school network, and access to a loaner computer when necessary.

Q: If my 6th or 7th grade student damages their Chromebook, do I have to pay additional fees?

A: No. The leased Chromebook is mailed to HP and the cost of the repair will be covered by the Leasing Program.

Q: If my 6th or 7th grade student loses their Chromebook what happens?

A: You will be required to lease a new Chromebook. This will increase your yearly Chromebook Lease from \$105 to \$210 per year.

Q: What happens at the end of the Chromebook Lease?

A: At the end of the Chromebook Lease, students will have the option to purchase their Chromebook at its fair market value. This will be around \$35. Should you not want to purchase the Chromebook, it will be sent back to the company.

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Q: What type of Chromebook will students receive through the Chromebook Leasing Program?

A: HP Chromebook 11 G6 - Education Edition

Q: Why do 8th grade students pay \$40?

A: Students in 7th and 8th grade are paying \$40 to cover the cost of monitoring software and maintenance. They are still responsible to pay for damage to their Chromebooks.

Q: How much does it cost to repair a 8th grade Chromebook?

A: Typical fees paid by students include:

- Screen: \$40
- Keyboard: \$70
- Top or Bottom Case: \$40
- Screen Frame: \$20

Q: Can 8th grade students take their Chromebook home?

A: No. Only 6th and 7th grade students can take their Chromebooks home during the 2020-21 school year.

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Q: Can my child bring their personal Chromebook or laptop from home to school?

A: No. We do not allow students to bring personal Chromebooks or laptops for the following reasons:

- We can not monitor what students are doing on devices that are brought from home. This means that students might gain access to games, music or other inappropriate content while at school.
- We can not take financial responsibility for privately owned Chromebooks or laptops that are lost, stolen or damaged while on campus.
- Opening our school's network to outside devices will enable students to add cell phones and other wifi enabled technology. This will quickly overwhelm our network and slow down internet access for everyone.

Q: What do I do if I need financial assistance?

A: Please email christina.davis@oldham.kyschools.us and maximilian.valentine@oldham.kyschools.us to learn more.

Q: Can my child keep their Chromebook at school?

A: Yes. Parents can require their child to check the Chromebook in at the end of each day in the Library Media Center.

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Q: Does NOMS monitor my child's Chromebook use at home?

A: No. Monitoring ends at the end of each school day. When a student is using their Chromebook on your home wifi network, they are under the supervision of their parent(s) or guardian(s).

Q: Can my child watch Netflix on their Chromebook at night?

A: It is up to each family to determine how their child uses their Chromebook at home.

Q: Can I opt out of the Chromebook program?

A: No. Each student at NOMS will need to use a school issued Chromebook during the school day. If you have specific concerns about your child's use of technology, please contact the NOMS main office.

Q: Can I get a cover for my child's Chromebook?

A: Yes. Students may add a cover to their Chromebook.