



Natick Public Schools

Chromebook Information Session

MS School Parents – Spring 2018

because it's the right thing...

- *Yet students experience a huge gap between their everyday lives and activities when they walk into a classroom. They now use paper, pencils, listen to one person lecture them, read dated textbooks, then memorize for a test.*
- *Engaging these students and making education relevant is critical...for our schools to continue to effectively and fully prepare the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.*
- *But know...it's not the ONLY thing. Learning in a technology environment is still a social endeavor.*



you
can do
everything
on the web

Tools to Enhance the Learning Process

Student Equipment

11" Touch Screen Chromebook



Acer Chromebook R 11 C738T

The Chromebook that bends over backwards
You can open this stylish touchscreen Chromebook all the way, until it becomes a tablet. On the way to 360 degrees of tablet fun, you can also stop to configure it as a stand-up display, or a tent-shaped display that lets you place it on a window sill so you can watch videos on the wide-viewing-angle screen while doing the dishes.

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Specifications:

- Chrome OS
- Intel Celeron N3150 Processor
Quad-core 1.60 GHz
- 11.6 HD (1366 x 768) 16:9 IPS
- Intel HD Graphics with Shared Memory
- 4 GB, DDR3L SDRAM
- 32 GB Flash Memory



Protective Bag

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Google Apps for Education:

Drive - Docs, Sheets, Slides & Forms

Gmail – Student email archived (1 year)
(7th Graders - internal email only)

Calendar

Classroom

Sites

Robust and Secure Infrastructure

School Wide Wireless

Internet
Filtering



Google Management
Console



Robust and Secure Infrastructure

- **Users, devices and applications will be managed by the school district using the Google Management Console.**
- **Chromebook will require a valid natickps.org email address and password to login.**
- **Access to the Google store is limited by blacklisting restricted content.**
- **Web filtering is done only on the school network.**



Robust and Secure Infrastructure

- Printing is supported by using Google Cloud Print. This will be provided in school.
- If you want to setup Google Cloud Print at home:
<https://www.google.com/cloudprint/learn/>
- Some printers do support USB printing, but depends on the model and extensions you add to your Chromebook.



Internet Filtering Services



- The web filtering is only done on the school network.
- Supervision is still recommended in school and home – use of a filter is no guarantee – no monitoring solution is foolproof
- Our filtering solution provides detailed reporting by username and computer ID. School staff has the ability to view the content of a student device at any time

Help Desk Center & Technical Support



- Help Desk staffed by a technician at each school.
- Technical support is available from 7:30 am until 3pm.
- Students can stop by the Help Desk Center with questions and problems during homeroom or other appropriate times.
- Loaners are available when students need to have repairs made to their personal machines

Chromebook Warranty & Annual Fee



- All Chromebooks are covered by Acer's warranty against manufacturer's defects for one year.
- On-line payment and NPS Student & Parent/Guardian Chromebook agreement will be available for 2018-2019 school year up until **June 30, 2018**.
- **After June 30th**, the NPS Student & Parent/Guardian Chromebook agreement needs to be signed and \$50 check made out to the Natick Public Schools before Chromebooks are distributed at the start of school.
- The Natick School District's Chromebook Accidental Damage/Loss Policy is in place to cover most issues that may arise with the Chromebook

What the \$50 will not cover...

- If the machine is dropped (Acer voids the warranty)
- If the Chromebook /charger was “stolen” because it was left UNATTENDED
- If damage is due to not following the Required Use Policy

Chromebook Accidental Damage/Loss Policy



Tiered approach for damage and repairs:

- **Tier I** - \$0 (Minor wear and tear covered by annual Chromebook fee)
- **Tier II** - \$50 (Moderate damage or part replacement, ie: broken keyboard)
- **Tier III** - \$100 (More expensive repair due to spill damage, cracked screen, dropped Chromebook)
- **Tier IV** – Full value of the device if lost or stolen. GPS tracking will be used when a police report is filed.

Middle School Distribution and Discipline

Middle school Chromebooks will be distributed by teaching teams within the first week of school accompanied by an extensive safety orientation, organizational assistance, and instruction on being a successful student in a 1:1 environment. This is now a part of how we teach study skills grades 5-8.

The middle school behavior rubrics outline discipline expectations and consequences.

Logins/Passwords



- Students have been issued their login and password information (same as prior school years).
- Email function is now turned on **grade 7** (internally only) and **grade 8**.
- Students should not change passwords. The same username and password is used for network access, iPass, Moodle and Destiny, Google, etc.
- Students must not share their password with anyone!! If password safety has been compromised, student should visit the help desk to reset it.

Chromebook Care



- Carry in provided case at all times – limit other items in Chromebook bags
- Charge nightly
- Visit Help Desk Center at first sign of trouble (don't put it off)
- Do not leave unattended (charger and Chromebook)
- Avoid eating and drinking near Chromebook
- Property of NPS, entrusted to the student to benefit their education

Battery Tips



- Bring Chromebook to school fully charged each day
- Use until discharged – don't short charge – let the battery go completely dead at least once a month
- Please bring your charger to school each day in the event you need to plug-in.
- Review battery-conservation tips in ‘Section 2 : Care and Maintenance” section of the handbook.

Internet Safety and Safe Use in the Schools

Student Training

- Students receive training on the use of the Chromebook
- Students receive training on Internet safety
- Ergonomic advice/training on 1:1 site
- Ongoing training throughout the year

Next Step: Paying Chromebook Fee

Grade 7 & 8 Chromebook Fee is due June 30, 2018

Option 1 - Pay Online:

- Log in to [MySchoolBucks](#) account.
- Within main menu, click on *School Store > Browse All Items*.
- Click on Chromebook Fee *View Details*.
- Select Student from drop down, review and approve Acceptable Use Policy, and Add to Basket.
- Click on Basket and finalize payment.

Option 2 - Pay By Check:

- Print & complete the [Middle School Chromebook Payment Form](#), both parent and student.
- Make check payable to Natick Public Schools.
- Return both form and payment to Middle School Main Office.

*Note: For families with multiple students in Chromebook/Laptop program, we have established a family cap of \$175 per year. If your family falls into this category, a manual check must be submitted as our electronic payment option only charges the standard \$50 or \$75 annual fee for each student.