INTRODUCTION TO CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS

WHY A CHROMEBOOK?

- Cost-effective

- Starts up quickly (8 seconds)

- Minimum 6.5 hour battery life

- Allows access to online resources

- Lightweight

- As a Google district, the Chromebook allows access at any time

ADVANTAGES OF A CHROMEBOOK

• It is a Chrome Operating System (OS) stored on the internet/cloud, all work is automatically saved, no work can be lost, and all work can be accessed from anywhere.

WHAT IS GOOGLE DRIVE?

- Google Drive is the hard drive for a Gmail user, but it exists on the internet and not on a physical hard drive.

- Anyone who has Gmail has Google Drive.

HOW IS THIS USEFUL FOR SCHOOL?

- G-Suite includes Document, Presentation, Spreadsheet, Form, and Drawing at no cost.

  - Compare this to Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Paint

WHAT DOES A STUDENT GET?

- 1 Acer Chromebook CP740

- 1 Power Cord

WHAT ARE STUDENTS AGREEING TO?

- To bring Chromebooks fully charged to school each day.

- To follow expectations outlined in the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Technology Lending Agreement.

- To maintain careful use of school property.

COLLECTION OF CHROMEBOOKS & POWER CORDS

- If a student moves or no longer attends a school in District 99, they must turn in their Chromebooks and power cord to their District 99 School office.

- At the end of 8th Grade at Unity Junior High School

Failure to turn in the Chromebook will result in a $300 replacement cost. The District may file a report of stolen property with local law enforcement if not returned. Students are responsible for any damages as deemed by the District.

DISTRICT ASSET TAGS

- All Chromebooks will be labeled with a District asset tag. Asset tags may not be removed, modified or tampered with in any way. Students may be charged up to the full replacement cost of a Chromebook for tampering with a District asset tag or turning in a Chromebook without a District asset tag.

GENERAL CARE

- Take care of the Chromebook just as you would care for any other electronic device.
- Do not add any stickers or any other decorative items that would alter the appearance of the Chromebook from when you received it
- Do not tamper with school tags that are present on the Chromebooks.
- Do not hold the Chromebook by the screen.
- Always close the Chromebook before walking with it--remember, it has an 8-second startup.
- Never pack your Chromebook with other materials. Keep it separate from textbooks and other heavy objects that could potentially damage the screen.
- Keep food and drink away from your Chromebook
- Treat your Chromebook as a valuable material - do not leave it lying around.
- Do not use any chemicals or other liquids to clean your Chromebook.
- Use microfiber cloth to wipe down the screen.

USING CHROMEBOOKS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

- Students are bound by the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Technology Lending Agreement.

- Many applications can be accessed without the use of wi-fi such as Google Drive offline.

- Restrictions are in place on devices outside of school.

WHAT IF A CHROMEBOOK IS DAMAGED OR BROKEN?

- Promptly notify the District if there are any problems with or malfunctions of the device/software/equipment.

- If the device is stolen, lost, or damaged, notify the District immediately.

- If it is determined by District officials that the device/software/equipment, or any component thereof, has been damaged through normal everyday use, wear, and tear, the District will repair or replace the device/software/equipment at no cost.

- If the District officials determine that the device/software/equipment has been stolen, lost or damaged through negligence or misuse, it will be the parents responsibility to pay the full cost of repair or pay ($300) for the replacement device.

PRIVACY

- Students have no expectation of confidentiality or privacy with respect to any usage of a Chromebook, regardless of whether that use is for District-related or personal purposes, other than as specifically provided by law.

Cicero District 99's Summer Learning Centers

What: Five satellite learning centers to provide students with time, supervision, and connectivity to access district resources, using Chromebooks that were provided for home use.

Where: Unity, Lincoln, Cicero West, Columbus West, Liberty

Dates: Tues. & Thurs. in July (July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27)

Time: Open from 9:00am-12:00pm. Students may come for 1-3 hour periods. Sign-in is at 9:00am, 10:00am, or 11:00am.

Details:
- Depending on the site, a maximum number of students will be able to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Incoming 1st-8th grade students must be signed in and out by a parent or legal guardian (no siblings) for drop-off and pick-up.
- Kindergarten parent/guardian must remain with their child at the learning center.
- Students are expected to come with a charged device.