



Grand River Collegiate Institute

# Chromebook 1:1

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September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of grade nine students:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! This is an exciting time to be a grade nine student in the Waterloo Region District School Board. All high schools will be participating in the *Chromebook 1:1* initiative. This means every grade nine student is going to receive a Chromebook for use for the entire school year.

## What is a Chromebook?

*A Chromebook is a mobile computer that runs on Google's Chrome Operating System. These machines are designed to be used primarily while connected to the internet. They are optimized to allow the use of Google applications (ie: Google Drive, Calendar, Gmail and Google Classroom). WRDSB Students already have Google Apps accounts provided to them by the Board which they will use on their Chromebooks.*

## Why the 1:1 Project?

*Empowering students to gain the skills to be successful in the global community.*

- *Digital inclusions, equitable access to resources*
- *Flow between face-to-face and connected world*
- *Making better people/students*
- *Empathy / perspective*
- *Differentiate instruction, facilitate self-paced approaches*
- *Address the C's (communicate, collaborate, create, citizenship, critical thinking, character education)*
- *Leverage digital resources (and less paper)*
- *Facilitate timely feedback and documentation of learning*

## When will grade nine students be receiving their Chromebook?

*We will be giving students their Chromebooks on the first day of school, September 6, 2016.*

## What forms will be required for students to receive their Chromebook?

*Students will need to hand in their signed Chromebook 1:1 Contract as well as their completed Data Verification Form on September 6 in order to receive their Chromebook.*

## How can parents and students find out more about the Chromebook 1:1 pilot project?

*We will be sharing more information on the Chromebook 1:1 initiative at our Grade 9 Parent Info Night on September 14. We will also be sharing information on the initiative at our September School Council meeting. Follow us on Twitter @GrandRiverSAC and visit our school website at [gcr.wrdsb.ca](http://gcr.wrdsb.ca) for up to date information.*

We are excited about this initiative and the benefits it will bring to our learning community.

Sincerely,

Deborah Tyrrell  
Principal, Grand River Collegiate Institute



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# Chromebook 1:1 Instructions and Procedures

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## General Rules of Use:

1. Students and parents are expected to complete and return the **Chromebook 1:1 Contract** before a Chromebook is issued. Contracts will be kept on file in the office. WRDSB “etch” numbers are assigned to individual students.
2. All Chromebooks are provided with this instruction sheet and a charging cord. Because **Chromebooks remain the property of WRDSB**, please ensure the Chromebook and charging cord are always ready to be returned in their original condition. Use of temporary identification stickers on the device is allowed and encouraged.
3. We will be providing you with a **protective sleeve** to help protect and store the Chromebook.
4. **Please bring the Chromebook to school each day, fully charged.**
5. Students and parents must read and follow the WRDSB’s Responsible Use Policy, found on-line at <http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/school-year-information/responsible-use-procedure-rup/>
6. Students are responsible for the care of the Chromebooks. **Please report any damage or issue with your Chromebook immediately.** Please speak to your classroom teachers, our in-school technician and/or your vice principal about any problems or concerns you may have regarding the use and care of your Chromebook. Vice Principals will be consulted where there are concerns about intentional damage or vandalism.

## Damage and Replacement Cost:

Chromebook Replacement Cost:                      \$330.00



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# Chromebook 1:1 Contract

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Please read the information carefully and complete the required fields. Return this completed contract (along with your Data Verification Form) on the first day of school.

## Student Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please read the following and sign below indicating that you understand and accept:

- Borrowing a Chromebook is a privilege.
- The Chromebook is to be used as a tool for school work.
- The student is responsible for the replacement or damage costs for Chromebooks and/or charging cords which are lost, stolen or intentionally damaged – as determined by a vice principal.
- Students and parents must read and follow the WRDSB's Responsible Use Policy, found on-line at <http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/school-year-information/responsible-use-procedure-rup/>
- Students and Parents must read and understand the General Rules outlined in the *Instructions and Procedures*.
- The Chromebooks are reliable, but should you experience a hardware issue, please deal with it at school at the earliest possible opportunity.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_