

Update 04-03-2020

Dear WCSD Families:

Last week I shared with you that we would begin distributing additional Chromebooks next week at curbside drive-up locations. On **Monday, April 6**, and **Tuesday, April 7**, curbside pickup of Chromebooks will be available from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and again at **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the following locations:

- **Huber Ridge Elementary** (5757 Buenos Aires Blvd.)
- **Wilder Elementary** (6375 Goldfinch Dr.)
- **Walnut Springs Middle** (888 E. Walnut St.)
- **Genoa Middle** (5948 Old 3C Highway)

Chromebooks are being provided one per household on a first-come, first-served basis. We continue to ask that you give careful consideration to whether you actually “need” a device, or if having an additional device is more of a convenience.

Since announcing this initiative, a few individuals have wondered why we’re not providing a device to every student like some other school districts. Simply put, we are not a "one-to-one" district where there is at least one device for every student. In such districts, students are typically permitted to take their devices home during the school year as well.

We are partway through our initiative to become a one-to-one district. As of now, we have a little better than one device for every two students. Additionally, our devices are not "portable" as you would find in one-to-one districts that allow students to take their Chromebooks home throughout the year. Our devices are stored and charged in mobile cabinets, which allows us to move them within the school where needed. In order to make it possible to send these devices home with students, we must disassemble the cabinet interior and wiring to remove the chargers.

We realize not every student or family is going to need a device, and that’s why we’re asking people to be judicious in determining their actual need. If we run out of available Chromebooks during next week's distribution but people continue arriving to receive a device, we will take their information and work to get them one as soon as possible. We pledge to continue to find ways to meet the demand for this technology.

Our goal through this initiative is to provide devices to those who need them the most, but also to avoid breaking down additional storage and charging cabinets unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we strive to meet the needs of our students and families during these challenging times.

Sincerely,
Dr. John R. Kellogg
Superintendent