



CHROMEBOOK 1:1 INITIATIVE Q & A

What is a 1:1 Initiative?

In a 1:1 computer environment students are required to purchase a computer that can be taken to classes and utilized at home. The objective of the 1:1 initiative is to enhance and supplement the learning experience.

OLMA's required computer device for incoming freshmen is the Chromebook.

What is a Chromebook?

Chromebooks are an increasingly attractive computer device for schools due to their reliability, functionality and value. A Chromebook is a personal computer that runs on the Google Chrome OS (Operating System) and rather than using traditional software that resides on the device itself, Chromebooks utilize web applications and cloud storage so there is no need for downloading or installing files or software. Our Lady of Mercy Academy transitioned to a Google platform school-wide and the Chromebook initiative integrates seamlessly into our continuously evolving digital infrastructure.

Why the 1:1 Chromebook Initiative?

Education and learning in the 21st Century can occur anywhere and at any time. The objective of the Chromebook 1:1 initiative at Our Lady of Mercy Academy is to challenge students to engage in our technology-driven society and empower them to succeed in a digital world. Through our Chromebook 1:1 initiative, students will acquire technological proficiency and develop important critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities integral to thriving in a rapidly changing global landscape. Chromebooks facilitate individualized learning that broadens access to digital educational resources, strengthens communication and collaboration, and promotes creativity and innovation.

How will Chromebooks be used in the classroom?

The use of Chromebooks for education does not replace the curriculum but rather is one of many tools used to enhance learning and open doors to new options for instruction. Faculty determine how to incorporate Chromebooks into their curriculum and all teachers participate in ongoing Google training sessions and professional development.

What Chromebook policies and procedures are in place for students?

Students will be provided Our Lady of Mercy Academy's Acceptable Use Policy at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The policy will include acceptable use terms for Chromebooks, the internet, social media, and other technologies. As a school, OLMA complies with the ICPA and all inappropriate web browsing is restricted across the entire network for both faculty & student devices by default.

What are the specifications and/or requirements for purchasing a Chromebook?

We recommend each Chromebook has at least 4GB of Memory (also known as RAM) for speed and reliability. The processor (CPU), brand, and hard drive (storage) are not as important and families can make decisions on these features based on price, preferences, and availability when shopping. Some Chromebooks provide touchscreen functionality; however, this is not a requirement and can be seen as a preference. It is recommended that a protective case or sleeve is purchased for the Chromebook.

Questions?

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