



## 2017 – 2018 Technology Update for Families

### 1:1 Take-home Technology, Graduation, & Summertime



Seniors: Auburn School District offers graduating seniors the option to purchase a Chromebook, charger, and carrying case for \$5.00. Graduating seniors can take advantage of this *Chromebook Buy Option* at their schools now through finals week.

6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Graders: Continuing students will keep their Chromebooks over the summer. Students can use their devices for summer school and enrichment activities. It is important to maintain them securely and safely in the summer. Students should especially remember not to leave them unattended or visible in a car.

Effective July 16, in *Skyward Family Access*, parents/guardians of *incoming* 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be able to complete their Chromebook Acknowledgement Form in preparation for joining our 1:1 take-home program this fall.

Over the summer the district will install a new web filter – Securly. This new filter allows filtering by student grade level or setting, and includes improved screening for cyberbullying and self-harm. With this new tool, parents will be able to monitor their students' online activities and set restrictions at home on the school Chromebook. Watch for an enrollment email this fall!

Stay caught up on all the Chromebook 1:1 news at [www.auburn.wednet.edu/chromebooks](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/chromebooks).

Auburn SD students may access eBooks and online resources this summer through our King County Library partnership!  
**Login:** 4080+studentID#  
**Password:** last four digits of studentID

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### Elementary Computer Science Gets a Boo\$

Auburn School District is one of 24 districts in the state receiving computer science grants from Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the 2018 – 19 school year. The award of \$51,433 builds on the district's 17 – 18 award of \$32,711, to provide computer science education in elementary schools.

Depending on the school, students may learn computer science in their classroom or from a technology specialist they see on a rotation. Grant funds support Auburn teachers in learning the Washington State Computer Science Standards and developing strategies for teaching them using both unplugged and online activities. The grant also is providing hardware students can use to apply their programming skills – Code & Go Robot Mice in primary classrooms, Dash & Dot robots in the early to mid-grades, and Micro:bits at upper elementary. Beginning this fall, Auburn elementary schools teaching computer science will be designated at their schools and on their websites.



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