



2015-2016 Midyear Update for Families from the Department of Technology

This school year marks a significant step in the district's investment of your \$22 million technology levy in support of education in the Auburn School District (ASD). This fall, teachers and students across the district began using Chromebook mobile devices in targeted one-to-one settings with full wireless access across our district. Ahead of our original schedule, by midwinter break nearly 4,500 levy-funded Chromebooks will be in grade 2-12 classrooms! We are currently planning for the spring allocation of just over 900 tablets to kindergarten and first grade classrooms in all elementary schools.

Thank you!
4,500 Chromebooks
900 Tablets

Resources for Students

Wireless access in our schools and increased bandwidth from our district to the internet allows our teachers and students improved access to resources including online educational software, YouTube educational sites, discussion forums, and Google Apps for Education (GAFE). Google accounts and GAFE tools allow our learners to access and use a variety of communication and production tools within the ASD system without any advertisements. Students may access their GAFE accounts from home and unlimited free storage is provided for educational purposes. The ability for teachers and students to share resources and collaborate in documents is a benefit we are excited to begin using! For more information about GAFE, please go to

<https://www.google.com/work/apps/education/benefits.html>.



Digital Citizenship

Students today are using the immense power of digital media to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined. With this power, young people face potential pitfalls and our schools are dealing with associated challenges. These issues underscore the need for students to learn — and for teachers to teach — digital literacy and citizenship topics such as:

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| Privacy and Security | Digital Footprint and Reputation | Self-Image and Identity |
| Creative Credit and Copyright | Relationships and Communication | Information Literacy |
| Cyberbullying | Internet Safety | |

Digital citizenship education is a priority in the ASD. Teachers are working within our schools to ensure students learn the importance of digital citizenship expectations and responsibilities that come with the use of the internet and technology. More information for parents is available at <https://www.common sense media.org/parent-concerns>.

The Auburn School District is striving to provide a world-class education and learning experience for all students. The resources provided through your technology levy dollars are reaching students and providing them important tools for such an education. Thank you for your continued support. For additional questions you may contact the Department of Technology Help Desk: helpdesk@auburn.wednet.edu, or call us at 253.931.4940.