



Palo Duro High School

1 to 1 Chromebook Announcement

Palo Duro High School is pleased to announce our new one-to-one Chromebook program for all students starting in the 2016-2017 school year. Students will be issued a Chromebook to use throughout the school year. Students will be allowed to take the Chromebook off campus and use it in all classes (in accordance with each teacher's specific technology policy).

Our Chromebook Mission Statement:

Our mission is to use Chromebooks to engage students in robust, future-oriented work that replicates what students will be asked to do beyond high school. In alignment with our tech-oriented culture, our desire is that the Chromebook be used as a "curiosity amplifier*," a tool that leverages students' innate curiosity and encourages further exploration of topics at a deeper level of understanding. We believe that the use of Chromebooks as an educational tool will help Palo Duro meet the AISD mission to "graduate every student prepared for success beyond high school." That said, we must address a very important question: Why Chromebooks?

See back for more information.

*Based on the work of Dr. Ruben Puentedura.



FAQ's

Q. How much does it cost to use a Chromebook?

A. The fee for use is \$30.00 per school year.

Q. Am I responsible for a cracked screen or other damages?

A. Yes, a reasonable fine will be assessed according to the amount of damage. Please be careful with your Chromebook.

Q. Do I need a special account to log in/out?

A. No, you will use your AISD issued student network information.

Q. When will I receive my Chromebook?

A. Our plan is to issue Chromebooks ASAP after the start of the 2016-2017 school year.



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Why Chromebooks?

CREATE

Using a Chromebook, students are able to create a variety of different ways to show mastery of learning objectives including videos, slideshows, cartoon strips, graphic representations, blogs, and websites. Students are able to make their own meaning from given learning tasks and produce work that is relevant, meaningful and valuable to the student in the acquisition of their educational goals.

COLLABORATE

Foundational to employment in today's world is the ability to work with others. Chromebooks help students collaborate in a number of ways. With Skype, Google Hangouts, Google Drive applications and other similar apps, students connect to their peers as they work on projects for class.

COMMUNICATE

Communication is vastly improved when the Chromebook is used. Whether it is with other students or the teacher, students can communicate their thoughts, ideas, and questions in real time. These benefits include:

- Authentic student engagement
- Immediacy of feedback
- Relevance of current information
- Students learning how to explore topics on their own
- Improved time management and organization
- Digital citizenship



Digital Learners

As technology continues to permeate our modern culture, student learning styles have changed to reflect the impact of technology and the new digital world. In an effort to better meet the changing needs of our students, we believe that implementing the use of Chromebooks in our instructional design will allow teachers to develop lessons that reflect the change in our culture and learning facilitated by technology. The Chromebook is one of the tools available to bridge the gap between the way things were and the way they are today.

