



Mukwonago High School

MUKWONAGO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

INFORMATION for CURRENT 8th GRADE FAMILIES



Most freshmen entering Mukwonago High School in Fall 2017 will have attended Park View Middle School where 1:1 Chromebook access within classrooms has expanded in recent years. In moving up to the high school, freshmen will find many benefits from access to a device beyond the classroom, especially as MASD continues to explore online textbook access.

After successful implementation of a 1:1 wireless device plan at grades 5-8, ninth graders at Mukwonago High School will join the 1:1 technology program in Fall 2017 through implementation of a Technology Partnership Program (TPP). The TPP will assist families with meeting the new MHS wireless device requirement for incoming ninth graders.

A TPP is a cost-sharing program in which families and the school district both support the purchase of a Chromebook device that students can use during school and at home. After making the fourth and final payment senior year, the student will own the Chromebook and be able to use it even after high school.

RATIONALE: With device access, learning is not limited to scheduled class times or when device carts are available. High school students are entering a time in education in which device access is as commonplace as owning a pencil or a calculator. Many schools in Waukesha County are already running a similar program and have reported great success.

Families are *strongly* encouraged to participate in the TPP program as their budget allows. By standardizing on the same device through a district-subsidized purchasing program, MHS student users will be able to learn and collaborate more smoothly with each other. By choosing the TPP Chromebook option, students will have a stable way to obtain classroom apps and district device management policies, including more robust monitoring and filtering. In addition, classroom apps -- including online student testing kiosks -- will be deployed through the district's single sign-on login on TPP devices.

Families will have an opportunity to opt out of the TPP program, although the device requirement will remain. Therefore, these families must commit to sending in a device from home daily that meets at least similar specifications as the TPP subsidized Chromebook. These "bring your own" devices (BYOD) will not be serviced by the district technology department, and such devices will only be provided internet access through the BYOD wireless network. Please note, the district can help students manage learning apps and online testing experiences much more effectively if students use a TPP Chromebook versus a BYOD personal device.

Families should reply to the district survey by June 7th to indicate yes/no whether they will participate in the TPP. The survey is at <https://goo.gl/BD6z0a>