

What is 1:1?

Crawford Central School District is excited to announce that we are able to enhance the learning environment for our students by implementing one-to-one technology beginning in the 2017-18 school year for Grades 7 and 8. Each year, additional grade levels will be added to the initiative, so that within a few years, all students in Grades 7-12 will have their own device to use in classes, as well as to take home to expand learning beyond the school day.



The program is dedicated to ensuring that all CCSD students are college and career ready upon graduation. Technology plays a more vital role in our lives than ever before. One of CCSD's goals is to ensure that all graduates have the necessary skills to be successful. The advantages of students having their own devices for learning are many, but include such positives as being able to learn at higher levels, having access to online resources, being able to create and produce content such as videos and podcasts, as well as being able to more easily collaborate on classroom projects.

For details about student and parent/guardian responsibilities, please review the information below and plan to attend a 1:1 informational meeting during Open House. Open House dates are provided at the end of this document.

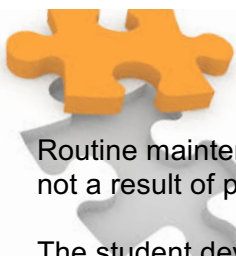
How does it work?

All parents and students will be asked to sign a computer loan agreement, which outlines student and parent/guardian responsibilities. A few of the highlights are listed below:

- All students will be issued a laptop, charger, as well as a neoprene sleeve. This equipment is, and at all times, will remain the property of Crawford Central School District.
- Borrowers may not deface, apply stickers, or destroy the device in any manner.
- Inappropriate use of the laptop may result in the student losing his/her right to the device.
- The device must be charged nightly and brought to school each day. Failure to do so is the equivalent of coming to school unprepared.
- Because the laptops are being purchased through a leasing program, the devices may be available for purchase when a student graduates (pending school board approval.)
- A family may opt-out of receiving a laptop for student use at home. However, many teachers will be creating and posting assignments which require a laptop to complete. All students will use a device at school even if they do not take it home.
- Devices will be collected at the end of the school year and the same device will be returned to the same student at the start of the following year whenever possible.
- When laptops are taken home, they are to be used only by the student and not by other family members or friends of the student.

Acceptable Use Policy

Students, as well as parents/guardians, sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the district. This policy outlines how Crawford Central School District expects students to behave with technology. This policy is in addition to the loan agreement, as one supports the other. The AUP defines what acceptable behavior is for the users of district-issued technology as well as related systems such as the network, email, internet access, and other programs.



Maintenance/Insurance

Routine maintenance issues and the correction of technical problems with the student's laptops (that are not a result of physical damage) will be completed at school at no cost to the student.

The student devices are protected by insurance. Accidental damage includes things like keyboard or screen breakage that are accidental. Picking keys off the keyboard or sitting on the laptop and breaking the screen are not covered. Each student will have one insurance-covered incident available to them. After that one incident, the student and their parent/guardian are responsible for the cost to repair the device.

Damages that are not accidental in nature will be handled on a case-by-case basis according to the school's discipline procedures.

Protection/Filtering

As part of the 1:1 initiative, all devices will utilize the district's internet filtering system, which is designed to provide school-appropriate access to resources. Any attempts to circumvent the filtering system is a direct violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and will result in disciplinary action.

All devices will be managed by the Technology Department. Software updates, firewall protection, security measures, and content filtering will be carried out in automatic updates when possible to eliminate the need for students to turn in their devices (except for the end of the year.)

In addition to receiving laptops, students will also receive classroom instruction on digital literacy, safety, and citizenship. It is of utmost importance to guide students and teach them how to practice safe internet behaviors. It is equally as important for parents to understand what students are doing when they are using the internet at home. Remember, the devices are owned by the district, but as a parent, you have the right to take it away from them for home use, as long as it is available for school the next day.



Can they be used at home?

It is encouraged and expected that students will take the laptops home. Learning doesn't end at the end of the school day. When students have devices at home, it can encourage creativity and provide learning opportunities that they might not otherwise have. With devices, it is anticipated that students will move beyond having to remember facts and become invested in deeper learning that requires creation, critical thinking, and analysis.

What software will the devices have?

The student devices will be equipped with the Windows 10 operating system. In addition to the programs available with the operating system, students also have online accounts with Office 365 and G Suite (formerly known as Google Apps for Education.) Some, but not all, textbooks will also be available in an online format (7th and 8th grade science and social studies will be available online.) Software that is specific to certain classes will also be available as needed.

The 1:1 initiative is the beginning of a journey for our students that will allow them to learn more than ever. It is important, however, that they understand their new responsibilities, their new expectations, and their potential. Please help us reinforce this at home.

A parent/guardian information session will be available during the following Open House sessions:
Cochranton Jr./Sr. High School (Grades 7 & 8) on September 19, 2017
Meadville Area Middle School (Grades 7 & 8) on September 20, 2017