



Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

Office of Instructional Technology

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 9th and 10th Grade Students,

I hope you and your family have been enjoying summer break. I am writing to provide updated information regarding the 1:1 Technology Initiative. As I shared in my April letter, consistent with a goal in the District Strategic Plan to “harness the power of technology to advance learning while engaging and empowering students in a connected world,” the T/E School District is implementing a 1:1 Technology Initiative that will provide laptops to all 9th and 10th grade students during the 2016-17 school year for their use in school and at home.

You are receiving this letter because you indicated at the end of the 2015-16 school year that your child will be using a personal laptop in lieu of a District-provided laptop. As a reminder, personal devices should be a Windows (7, 8, or 10) or Mac (OS X or higher) laptop with a minimum of 4GB RAM. Tablets, including iPads, will not be considered personal devices that can be used in lieu of District-provided laptops. Personal devices must connect to the District wireless network during the school day, and the District will not be able to install any software or provide any technical support for personal devices. Students who bring their own device are still accountable for their use and must follow the Network Acceptable Use Agreement, as well as any applicable policies or school rules.

Students bringing their own laptop will need to visit the library to set up their account, register their device, and sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (available for your review at www.tesd.net/laptops) prior to being able to access the District network. In an attempt to make the transition back to school a smooth one for all of our students, we are offering an opportunity for your child to complete this process before the start of school. Members of the technology staff will be available for drop-in visitors in the Conestoga High School library on Monday, August 15th, from 2:00-4:00. If your child does not wish to, or is unable to, register their laptop prior to the start of the school year, support will also be available in the library throughout the first week of school.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the 1:1 Technology Initiative. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students as part of our continuing efforts to support innovative teaching and learning in the T/E School District.

Sincerely,

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