

MOBILE 1:1 FAQ'S

Parent FAQ's | EVMS Roll out Feb 19, 20, 21 | CMS Roll out Feb 26, 27, 28

"Transforming Teaching & Learning Through Technology"

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"Will there be enough devices for students to take home or are they a "class set"?"
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Each student will be checked out their own device to use at school and/or take home. There will be extra devices in secure carts housed in a "Media Center" at each school for replacement of broken or damaged devices.

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"How will the laptops change the way teachers do things in class?"
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1 to 1 will provide training and resources on Professional Development days, and other times that enhance students' learning experiences by making connections with content experts, utilizing Higher Order Thinking Skills, and extend their learning beyond the classroom walls. Students will be better prepared for college and career readiness skills.

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"Will my student need an email, why? What filters and protections are in place?"

Most of the web resources (Web 2.0 tools) that students are anticipated to use are requiring an email address. The student email accounts can only send and receive to domains that the district gives permission (whitelist) resources. The assigned email is a unique username used to access web resources.

Carson City School District utilizes iBoss filter software for WiFi as well as LightSpeed for the AT&T Broadband access. LightSpeed is a filter for virus and unapproved or inappropriate software and websites. This software meets the Federal Standards for Child Internet Protection Act and Child Online Protection Act compliant issues. LightSpeed will be in effect while on home networks.





“How will devices access the Internet?”

Students will be able to access the Internet at school and at home, using wireless WiFi and broadband. No matter where students use the device, school filters will be in place, limiting access to certain sites.

“Why don't the laptops have Word on them?”

Our district will be using Google Drive, Open Office, and Sky Drive which all have similar functionality as Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Open Office is installed directly on the device.

“How is the bandwidth going to handle all the students online?”

Wireless upgrades are currently being completed at each site.

“What is required for the students to get the device?”

Students will be taught in their Academic Intervention (AI) classes - CMS and Academic Strategies (AS) classes - EVMS prior to the rollout about the expectations, handling/care and appropriate use of the devices while at school and at home. Teachers will be given the lessons and videos for presentation. Each teacher will sign off that students received required training. Parents and students will sign appropriate use and liability forms, insurance and permission forms to take home or store device at school. In February, devices will be checked out and further training and teaching will take place in AI and AS classes.

“What apps and access to digital formatting tools will students have access to?”

There are a variety of Web 2.0 tools that teachers will utilize. The devices come with Windows Tools, Open Office, and Educational Internet Resources.

“What if Students don't have WiFi at home?”

Laptops will have broadband so that students are able to connect online at home.

“Will students be able to download personal reading books (AR), textbooks, newspapers, etc?”

No, unless approved by teacher or administrator.



“Who is responsible if they lose it?”

Students/Parents are responsible.

“If lost will they be replaced?”

Yes, but at a cost. Insurance is being considered, and a parent responsibility and liability form must be signed and returned by the parent/guardian.

“Will students be required to take the devices home or will they be able to have safe storage at school?”

There will be storage available for students who do not want to take the device home or are not allowed to take the devices home.

“Carry Cases? Mouse, Ear Buds?”

It would be highly encouraged that students bring these things from home. If students are unable to do this, then the school sites may provide for the students - PTA help?

“What if the device gets damaged?”

Devices that are not working or that have been damaged will be sent to the media center at their site and students will receive a new device. If the student is intentionally destroying the property they will be charged the replacement cost. A discipline policy will be determined by the school sites.

“Will there be any parent or community education opportunities?”

Parent education opportunities will be scheduled regarding the devices and their child’s use of the devices to enhance learning.

“Are there ways to set up documents that can be completed and turned in by the students using the devices?”

Yes, using Google Drive, SkyDrive, TurnItIn and Edmodo.

“Will the students have touch screen capabilities or a stylus?”

Not at this time as an overall policy. This may be considered in the future.

“What about newly enrolled students?”

Students will report to the media center, watch the required podcast for use, policy, and rules then be issued a device.

“What about all these passwords for the various sites students will be using?”



For security reasons we want ALL students using the Google Drive accounts, and the district email accounts that have been established for them. Teachers will have students create a document with their login and password information that will be kept in their Edmodo backpack. This will allow students to remember only one login and password.

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“What if a parent cannot afford to replace the device?”
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We are looking into insurance options for the devices.

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“How often are the devices/programs upgraded?”
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Most of the anticipated work and production will be Web 2.0 based, not software based. Technology Integration Specialists will determine any necessary software additions or upgrades.

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“What happens when a student transfers from one site to another?”
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The device will be turned in to the original site and they will be reissued a device from the new site.

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“What about all the new “Screen Time? Will this be too much?”
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While at school teachers will utilize the devices as much as they deem necessary. While at home parents are expected to set or maintain home rules for the use of the device. Set your expectations before the devices arrive.

“How long do the batteries last?”

On the standard 6 cell battery we expect 8.5 hours of use out of them. Like all electronics, performance and battery life is dependent upon level of usage. This model was chosen with the length of the school day in mind.

“Will the devices have a password to log on?”

There is no logon, they just boot to the desktop.

“What will be included in the Digital Citizenship policy?”

The policy is currently under review and will be sent out in January. It will cover consequences, replacement, insurance, device protocols, etc. Policy and Procedures will be sent home prior to issued devices.

“Should the take home option only be for those students who do not have a computer with internet at home?”

No, all students will be issued a device. As long as they are **responsible, respectful** and **safe** with it they will have full use of the device.

“Does Carson City School District have IT support in place?”

Carson City School District is hiring additional support for the technical side and also for the integration and implementation of the devices into the classroom and curriculum.

“Do the devices come in a variety of color choices (accessories)?”

No. The devices are all the same. Each device will have a cover sticker with the student’s photo and name. We are considering an additional cover “skin” that is customizable.

“Are the devices trackable?”

Yes. We are evaluating cost. The devices will only be tracked in the case of a lost or stolen device.

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