

1:1 Devices Sent Home

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Dear ECS Parent / Guardian:

Given the rising number of positive cases of COVID in the community and the school, this afternoon, out of an abundance of caution, we asked teachers to ensure that all students take home an iPad or laptop depending on their grade level. Students in grades K – 5 will be bringing an assigned iPad home with them, while students in grades 6-12 will be bringing their laptop home.

I would like to stress that at this point, the school is still open on Monday. These devices were sent home in case circumstances change over the weekend and we need to switch to an all remote instructional program.

I would also like to share a little more about the device your child is bringing home this weekend. The device has actually been assigned to your son or daughter, and is their school issued 1:1 device for this year. In order to best protect these devices from damage and ensure that they are in school for use when needed, not every grade level will bring the device home every night. In general:

- students in grades 7-12 will bring their laptop home daily,
 - students in grades 4-6 will bring them home on a periodic basis,
 - students in grades K-3 will bring them home on a limited basis.
- Regardless of grade level, students should bring their device back to school the following day completely charged and ready for use at the school.

I would also encourage everyone to ensure that these devices can be connected to the internet via wi-fi at their home this weekend (if you have access to the internet at your home). If you have wi-fi and cannot do this, please send a note to school with your child and someone from the school will reach out to provide assistance.

Moving forward, it may become more common to send devices home on weekends to be best prepared should we need to switch to a remote instructional model. At the same time, we may not always notify parents that the devices have been sent home on a given day. We ask that parents please check with their child/children to see if they brought their device home.

Ideally, we hope that we will not have to switch to an all remote instructional model, as we know students learn best in a classroom with a teacher. However, given the ever-changing impacts of COVID 19, we also want to be prepared to best serve the children of the District.

In closing, I, again, want to stress that we currently still plan on being open on Monday, November 15th. Should that information change, we will be sure to reach out to everyone as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bob Miller