

## Parent Tips for 1:1 Computing at Home

Students having their own Chromebook both at school and at home is a change that adults have to help students manage. Below are some tips and ideas that can help parents with this change to create effective learning at home.

- The Parent is in Charge
  - Set rules and expectations for computer use at home.
  - Expect that screens will be open where you can see them.
  - Designate times and locations in the house for computer use.
  - Require work to be done in an area where you can check in on your student's progress.
  - Create times when the device can only be used for school work and if, or when, it can be used for recreational activities.
- Talk to your Child
  - Ask your child what they are doing online and have them show you what they do and where they go online.
  - Ask them to show you how they use the computer for school work and for fun.
  - Talk about social boundaries and sharing too much information online.
  - Set expectations for appropriate use and the types of websites and social networks that are appropriate for use at home.
- Communicate with the Teacher
  - Talk to your child's teacher If you are concerned if your child is accurately reporting what they need to use the computer for at home or about anything related to classroom activities.
  - Keep a line of communication open where you can questions or concerns.
  - Track your student's academic progress through Skyward and class activities and assignments through Schoology.
- Consider the "Paper Equivalent" in Difficult Computing Situations
  - How would you handle the off-task or inappropriate activity if it happened with pencil and paper instead of on a computer? Often the solution for "digital problems" is the same as it is for a similar "analog problem" -- one that happens on paper.
- Determine Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior
  - Discuss inappropriate behavior and hold your child accountable for poor decisions.
  - Limit recreational compute time.
  - Have your child turn over the devices or reset wireless passwords at home until inappropriate behaviors change.
- Using Internet Filters at Home
  - Teaching appropriate use is more important than filtering.
  - The most important step you can take is establishing expectations around appropriate use on the web and help your child develop an internal filter.
  - If you need to restrict Internet use at home there are several filter options available that can be found by simply doing a google search for "internet parental controls".

### Resources:

Maine Township District 207: <https://sites.google.com/a/maine207.org/chromebooks/parent-tips-for-1-1-at-home>

Eanes ISD: <http://www.eanesisd.net/leap/parents/iPadTipsForParents.pdf>

Cyber-Safety: <http://www.cyber-safety.com/parents.html>

Common Sense Media: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/connecting-families>