

Chromebook Information – Summer 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Freshmen and New Students:

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District has a 1:1 mobile computing device program through which every student is provided a Chromebook to use for schoolwork. Students are also provided with a school Google email address and Google Drive account. The district provides students with two options for Chromebooks: accept a Chromebook issued by the high school district, or bring your own personal Chromebook. An agreement form is required to be filled out in Aspen (see information below).

District-Issued Chromebook:

If students choose to accept a district-issued Chromebook, they will be provided the Chromebook, with case and charger, at Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. The Chromebook device has a battery that will last the whole day, a 14” screen and 32GB local storage as well as large storage “in the cloud.” The district’s technology department centrally manages all the Chromebook devices. Devices do need to be turned in at the end of each school year for yearly maintenance and updates.

Bring Your Own Device:

Students can choose to bring their own Chromebook. The Chromebook would need to be submitted to the technology department at Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 so that it can be registered on the district’s network; device would be returned to student within a couple of days. The district currently supports any Chromebook laptop device (to see options, visit <https://www.google.com/chromebook/discover/>, search laptops, convertible and/or detachable). Students cannot use iPads, Android Tablets, MS Laptops, Surface, Apple laptops or Kindles devices. Students who use their own Chromebook do not have to submit the device over the summer for maintenance.

Each high school has a Technology Resource Center (TRC) to assist with any Chromebook issues throughout the school year. Students can also email the TRC with issues at nhtrc@nhvweb.net for North Hunterdon or vhtrc@nhvweb.net for Voorhees.

Forms:

As mentioned above, parents/guardians **must fill out the technology agreement form**. The agreement form will ask you to select whether your child is taking a district-issued Chromebook or bringing their own device. In addition, the form also asks you to accept the district's Acceptable Use Policy, which will allow your child access to the school network.

The technology agreement form must be completed in Aspen (the district's student information system). Once you log into your parent Aspen account, click on Page Directory on left hand side, then click on Technology Forms. Please complete the agreement form prior to Freshman Orientation on August 21st so that there is no delay giving your child a Chromebook and access to the school network.

Secondly, under Technology Forms section, please also review and complete the **internet photo consent form**. We would like to use student photos on our website, social media and with press releases as we publicize great news about our district, but we can only do so with parent permission.

If you have any questions regarding the Chromebooks and 1:1 program, please contact our district technology coordinator, Guillermo Vargas-Dellacasa, at gvargas-dellacasa@nhvweb.net.

If you did not yet set up an account in Aspen, please contact our database manager, Sherri DiMarcello, at sdimarcello@nhvweb.net for instructions and security code.

Sincerely,

Juliana Scricco

District Communications Coordinator

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District