

## **Colchester School District**

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CSD Families,

This year, to limit the sharing of materials, all students in grades K-8 will be assigned a device to use in class. Families will have the option to have their student bring their assigned district device home with them to use on their remote learning days. Additionally, students enrolled in our full-time virtual learning classrooms will also have the option to use a district device.

Students in all grades and learning models, K-12, are invited to pick up their device directly from the Technology Department starting tomorrow, **Thursday, August 27th through Wednesday, September 2 from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm daily**. Additionally, the Technology Department is hosting a weekend pick up option *this* **Saturday, August 29th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**.

Pick up will be at the Technology Department which is located on the far side of the high school using door D18. <u>A map showing how to get to door D18 is listed here.</u>

Picking up your student's device prior to the start of school is not required and you can always wait until their first in-person day to get it. However, we would recommend picking it up early if your student is in the Green or Laker Group since they will start the year remotely. We also recommend it for any family who would like a headstart familiarizing themselves with the device.

As a general reminder for this school year, if your student is bringing their classroom device home with them for their remote days, they must bring it back to school for their in-person days. Students are issued one device and it will be the same device they use in class and at home. The district does not have enough devices in our inventory to allow for each student to have a device at school *and* at home.

Lastly, a plea for a few groups to return devices they may have kept over the summer. In most cases, if you kept a device over the summer your student just needs to bring it with them on the first day of school. However, we are desperately seeking the following devices be returned so we can prepare them for redistribution to students who need them.

- If you had a kindergartener in the spring who was given an iPad, we need you to turn it in. Now that they are in 1st grade, they will be receiving a Chromebook.
- If you had a 5th grader in the spring who was given an MBS Chromebook, we need you to turn it in. Now that they are in 6th grade, they will be given a CMS Chromebook.
- If you had an 8th grader in the spring who was given a CMS Chromebook, we need you to turn it in. Now that they are in 9th grade, they will be given a CHS Laptop.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Technology Help Desk at 264-5727 or email <u>helpdesk@colchestersd.org</u>.

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