



Future-Ready 1:1 Program

What is the Future-Ready 1:1 Program?

Starting the 2019-20 school year, all high school students will be assigned their own one-to-one (1:1) Chromebooks in protective cases. They will use the device throughout the school day to support learning and take it home for anytime, anywhere learning.

During the 2018-19 school year, NTPS rolled out 1:1 to all our middle school students as the first phase of the 1:1 program. The middle school rollout with over 3,400 students has been successful and the district approved expansion to all high schools.

Why 1:1 at NTPS?

“All Students Empowered and Future-Ready” is our vision for North Thurston Public Schools. With our students growing up in an increasingly digital world, it is essential that they have powerful digital learning tools coupled with strong digital citizenship instruction to participate in our 21st century society.

With this in mind, the Future-Ready 1:1 Program ensures that all students have equitable, safe, and reliable access to digital instructional tools to support learning anywhere and anytime.

What about other NTPS schools?

At this time, NTPS has no plans to pursue a 1:1 take home program at our elementary schools. We have been adding additional classroom-assigned Chromebooks to each grade level, starting with 5th grade during the 2018-19 school year. The district will continue to expand access to our elementary students as funding and capacity permits.

Why middle schools first?

NTPS has planned for a staggered rollout of 1:1 Chromebooks to our secondary students. With that in mind, we wanted to prepare our middle school students first for an easy transition into the high school 1:1 program. Our middle schools also had the highest ratio of Chromebooks to students, significantly reducing costs to pursue 1:1 at these grade levels first.

When will it begin?

Devices will be going home within the first two weeks of school starting. This spring/summer, schools will be contacting families to let them know their specific start dates and additional details for the Future-Ready 1:1 Program.

Why Chromebooks?

NTPS selected Chromebooks as our primary student device as a cost-effective solution to increase access to digital learning resources for our students. NTPS Chromebooks are semi-rugged, reliable, and secure devices that offer students and staff access to the internet as well as a strong suite of collaboration tools via Google Apps to support student achievement.





How is this program being paid for?

As good stewards of our financial resources, NTPS has invested in this program using existing funding already provided by the state and our local community.

What happens if my student's device is lost, stolen, or damaged?

For a small fee, the NTPS 1:1 Assurance program will completely cover or reduce repair costs depending on the number of incidents. More details on the assurance program will be provided before school starts. The money that goes into the 1:1 Assurance Program stays within the program and will fund continued repairs, replacements, and upgrades to 1:1 devices.

What can my child access on the device when it goes home?

Student safety on the internet is critically important for NTPS. All devices will have website filtering in place that will restrict harmful content anywhere the device is used. Digital citizenship resources will be provided to help families support their student(s) being safe and responsible on their devices outside of school.

How can I learn more about the Future-Ready 1:1 Program?

Schools will be providing additional information and scheduling parent nights to discuss the program before the start of next year. Please keep an eye out for those communications and also refer to our Future-Ready 1:1 website at

www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/futureready



“If learning is an act of exploration then technology equips the explorer for the journey of a lifetime.” – John Maschuk

