

BYO-Chromebook - TVUSD IT Dept.

Dear Tanque Verde District Parents and Families,

We would like to provide an update on the issue of shared devices, and a Bring Your Own (BYO-Chromebook) Chromebook option for families who would like to ensure their student does not have to share a device.

Chromebooks owned by TVUSD were distributed to students at TVHS and EGJH who were in need of devices for the Spring 2019-20 Remote Learning Program. The District and our school PTGs have invested \$80,000+ from 2019-20 available funding, and an additional \$81,500+ has been allocated from 2020-21 funding sources to purchase additional Chromebooks for the 20-21 school year. However, these additional devices still do not allow TVUSD to have enough Chromebooks for all students K-12 for Return to Learning 20-21. This will necessitate some sharing of devices by students in the In-Person Learning Program. Shared devices will be sanitized between users.

Shared Devices vs. BYO-Chromebook

Some families have expressed a concern about sharing devices, and have stated they would prefer to provide their own chromebook for their student(s). Because TVUSD does not have the means to provide a one-to-one device program (one device for every student), the sharing of devices will be necessary for the 20-21 school year unless families choose to provide their own chromebook for their individual student(s).

BYO-Chromebook Specifications

TVUSD students may choose to bring their own Chromebook for use at school.

If a student opts to bring his/her own device to school for the In-Person Learning Program, the following would be required in order to safeguard the device. If the BYO-Chromebook option is chosen, the district will not be able to assume risk/responsibility for the device.

- Label the device with your student's name/identification.
- Protect the device with a protective cover. Label the case/cover also.
- Encourage your student to carry the device in a padded backpack to/from school.
- Please fully charge the device overnight, so it is ready for use at school.

What is a Chromebook?

A **Chromebook** is a laptop or tablet running the Linux-based Chrome OS as its operating system. The devices are primarily used to perform a variety of tasks using the Google Chrome browser, with most applications and data residing in the cloud rather than on the machine itself. Models with 4GB of RAM are fine for most students and entry-level users. *Please see links below for additional information.*

TVUSD IT Dept. Chromebook Recommendations:

Any current or previous year** model is sufficient if it has a minimum of:

- 4GB RAM
- 11" to 14" display
- Battery capacity accommodating 8+ hours of use from a full charge

**Older models may need to be evaluated for performance and expected end of auto-updates availability.

Questions/Need Help?

Families with additional questions or concerns related to BYO Chromebook should contact the TVUSD IT Department, at: tvusdit@tanq.org

Additional Information

Google for Education - Make learning more effective and engaging with Chromebooks
https://edu.google.com/products/chromebooks/?modal_active=none