What is the goal of the Chromebook loaner program?

The goal of the Chromebook loaner program is to provide parents and families with access to tools to support a home culture that supports academic achievement.

What are Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are computers running Google’s Chrome operating system. Chromebooks are different from a Windows or Mac computer in that there is no software. They offer many advantages: they are lightweight, lower cost than a full-featured laptop, have long battery life, and are easy to use.

What can I do with a Chromebook?

Chromebooks are best used with an Internet connection for email and web searches.

Can I use a Chromebook without an Internet connection?

The link below explains what features will work without the Internet. Some of these features require a Gmail account.

https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/3214688?hl=en

Can I use Microsoft Office products like Word and Excel?

No, the Chromebooks don’t run any software. Everything is web-based, so you can use Google Drive for documents, spreadsheets, etc. and any websites that aren’t running java.

How do I log in to a Chromebook?

If you have a Gmail (Google email) account, you can log in with your email address and password. Some students have @macsk8.org accounts (which are Google accounts) and they can use those to login.

If you do not have a Gmail account, you can use the Chromebook under a Public Session which does not require you to sign in.

How do I get on the Internet?

If you have wireless Internet connection, the Chromebook should find it and you can enter the password if needed to get connected.
Who can borrow a Chromebook?

Chromebook Loaners are available to all families with a student currently enrolled at Manchester Academic Charter School (MACS). Users must agree to the borrowing policies. There is a limit of one computer per family, even if a family has multiple students enrolled at MACS.

How long is the loan period for a Chromebook?

Computers can be borrowed for a 1 month period. Renewal is dependent on availability and demand.

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Loans can be arranged via phone, e-mail, or in person with the school librarian, Ms. Bethany Stout.

bstout@macsk8.org
412-322-0585 ext. 101

Can my child bring the Chromebook home?

No. We require the adult to come in to the school and sign out the Chromebook. Ms. Stout will try to make arrangements for a convenient time for you to pick up and return the computer.

Can my child use the Chromebook at school?
No. The Chromebook is for home use only. If a loaner Chromebook is brought to school, the student will be asked to return it to Ms. Stout and parents will be contacted.

What are my responsibilities?

Borrowers are responsible for the safety and security of the computer while it is in their possession. A lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebook and/or charger will be paid for by the borrower.

Can I print from the Chromebook?
No. Printing is not available.