



Go ahead, touch the Chrome



Lenovo N22 Chromebook

- Dual core Intel Celeron processor N3050 / 1.6 GHz
- Google Chrome OS
- 4GB RAM
- 16 GB eMMC
- 11.6" screen 1366 x 768 (HD)
- Intel HD Graphics
- Bluetooth 4.0
- 180° rotating camera/microphone
- Drop resistant from up to 2.3 ft., water-resistant keyboard channels, anti-peel keys, sealed touchpad, anti-glare screen, reinforced hinges
- 10-hour battery life
- Lightweight — 2.8 lbs.
- Suggested retail price: \$200

TMP-Marian Chromebook program

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, all TMP-Marian students will be required to use a Chromebook computer for daily educational use. Chromebooks are fast, secure, simple to use, and integrate seamlessly with student Google email and Apps for Education. We are confident that they will enhance our curriculum and provide new opportunities for innovation and collaboration in the classroom.

Families may elect to purchase a Chromebook from TMP-Marian or borrow one. Please read all enclosed information about purchasing or borrowing Chromebooks, optional warranty, filtering and security, and more.

Reserve or purchase your child's Chromebook now!



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is TMP-M adopting Chromebooks for 2016-17?

After extensive study and collaboration with other top schools in both the public and private sector, Chromebooks have proven to be the best tools for educators wanting reliability, versatility and affordability in their technology-driven teaching. Allowing students to take charge of their individual technology-integrated learning will better prepare them for college studies and careers that increasingly rely on these technologies to do business.

Doesn't the school already have laptops? How can we afford this?

Current and past technology budgets included \$60,000 a year for leased desktops, laptops, and carts. This lease expired June 2016. The Chromebook initiative allows TMP-M to cut out the lease and replace it with a lower yearly cost. The first year of the Chromebook adoption will be the most expensive. A generous donation has allowed us to cover the first year cost. After year one, the average annual cost will be about \$30,000 — actually saving money.

Aren't these just another toy?

TMP-M will strive to ensure that technology is not a toy or an “add-on” in the classroom, but rather a means of organization, collaboration and research everywhere our curriculum reaches — in the classroom, in activities, in the professional world, and in service.

Won't these devices enable access to bad images, text or videos?

The purpose of using Chromebooks and other devices at TMP-M is to aid the learning process and enable communication in support of collaboration and research. TMP-M Chromebooks will be monitored and filtered when on or off campus, regardless of whether the Chromebook is school- or student-owned. While no one can guarantee nothing objectionable will be accessed on a TMP-M Chromebook, the school feels the academic and communication advantages outweigh the potential negative.

Do I have to buy my student a Chromebook?

No. Each student must have a Chromebook in order to access the curriculum and properly learn in the classroom. The school will loan Chromebooks to any student who does not purchase one. However, there are limitations placed on school-loaned Chromebooks that may make purchasing one a preferred option for some families. New Chromebooks may be purchased at a school-subsidized price of \$130.

What are the limitations if my child uses a school-loaned Chromebook?

In order to ensure that school-loaned Chromebooks are treated properly, they must be returned during Christmas and summer breaks. Students must return their device after they graduate or leave TMP-M. Students are responsible for any damage to a Chromebook that the school deems serious enough for repair or reparation. School-loaned Chromebooks may be previous years' models. School-loaned Chromebooks cannot be personalized in any way. It must be readily apparent to faculty and staff which Chromebooks are school owned.

What are the benefits of purchasing a Chromebook for my child?

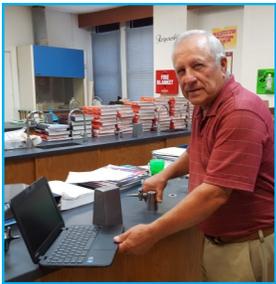
Students purchasing a Chromebook will get a new device; School-loaned devices may be previous models. Students get to keep their device when they graduate or leave TMP-M or they can pass it along to a sibling further reducing cost to a family (as long as the device is a recent enough version to work seamlessly with the most current TMP-M Chromebook).

When a device is owned by the student, as long as it is functioning, she and her family can determine if damage requires repair. When students have paid for their own device, they tend to treat their Chromebooks more carefully, extending their lifespan and further reducing expense to the family.

Students may personalize Chromebooks they own with appropriate stickers, cases, skins or screen backgrounds. Administration will determine if a personalization is inappropriate and requires removal.



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Mr. Dinkel

“Now you can touch the chrome,” says long-time, retired TMP-Marian science teacher Jim Dinkel, who frequently and memorably used to remind students in his lab: “Don’t touch the chrome.”

➔ Frequently Asked Questions Continued

We want to buy a Chromebook, but do we have to buy from TMP-M?

Yes. Purchasing your Chromebook from TMP-M ensures its compatibility with other students' devices and the school's network. Students with the TMP-M Chromebook will be able to get assistance from the school Help Desk. The Help Desk will not service privately purchased devices. Also, the TMP-M price will be lower than any retail price. The school-subsidized price for a new Chromebook is \$130.

Can I buy extra Chromebooks for personal use?

No. TMP-M subsidizes the price to keep it within reach of most families. The school would lose money on each Chromebook sold at this price. Thus, only students may purchase one Chromebook per year at the \$130 price.

If we buy a Chromebook, does it have to get filtered even at home?

Yes. The Internet is a powerful tool for good, but it also gives access to much that is evil and damaging to persons of any age.

TMP-M strives to provide a safe and Christ-like Internet experience. This includes when our students are on or off campus. It is important that parents and the school work together to create this environment to the best of their abilities. If a family is unwilling to enter into this partnership and accept monitoring and filtering on the student's Chromebook then the student can no longer remain enrolled.

When a student graduates or leaves TMP-M, student-owned devices will be released from all filtering and monitoring.

When can we buy the Chromebook?

Chromebooks can be purchased as early as July 1 for the coming school year. Students receive the devices the first week of school. Students may purchase their Chromebook at anytime during a school year, converting it from a school-loaned device to a student-owned device. This will immediately lift the limitations of borrowing a Chromebook from the school.

What if my student breaks his Chromebook?

Just like any school property, students are responsible for any damage they directly cause whether on accident or on purpose. The price to replace a Chromebook is \$200, a costly mistake for a family (the school-subsidized price includes only the initial Chromebook purchase in any given year, not the replacement cost).

An optional warranty is available and costs \$45 for a 1-year term. The warranty must be purchased by August 31 of each school year and includes a \$20 deductible. A maximum of two claims applies. The warranty covers repair or replacement except in cases of theft or loss.

When a device is owned by the student, as long as it is functioning, she and her family can determine if damage requires attention. When students have paid for their own device, they tend to treat their Chromebooks more carefully, extending their lifespan and further reducing expense to the family.

Do we have to buy a Chromebook carrying case?

No, but it is recommended. Chromebooks should not be transported in backpacks between heavy books. They will break quickly under this scenario. A protective case is especially encouraged if students do not elect to purchase a warranty. Chromebooks also shouldn't be stored in areas with extreme temperatures, such as a hot car.

What if we want to buy a used Chromebook?

There will be lower purchase prices for Chromebooks as they age. Check with the Chromebook Help Desk to get the price and availability for used Chromebooks.



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Why Chromebooks?

Affordability

Familiarity

Assessment verified

Secure testing

USB port

Long battery life

Google Drive

Presentations

Built for students

Writing collaboration

College preferred

Spreadsheets

Fast and easy set-up

Free Google Apps

Optimized experience

2016-17 Chromebook Order Form

Return the Chromebook order form during summer office hours after July 1 or at enrollment on Aug. 9 or Aug. 10. If you have any questions about Chromebooks or the program, call the office and ask for the Chromebook Help Desk.

For the optional purchase of a TMP-M Chromebook

We would like to purchase a Thomas More Prep-Marian Chromebook — \$130

We decline to purchase a Thomas More Prep-Marian Chromebook at this time. We understand that we can elect to purchase a TMP-M Chromebook at a later date.

Chromebook Warranty Order Form (optional one-year warranty)

Warranty covers repair or replacement except in cases of theft or loss. \$20 deductible per claim applies. Maximum of two claims. Warranty may be purchased on any Chromebook.

We would like to purchase a one-year Chromebook warranty — \$45

We decline to purchase a one-year Chromebook warranty. We understand that we have only until August 31, 2016, to purchase a warranty.

Student's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Chromebooks _____ (qty) x \$130 = _____
+ Warranties _____ (qty) x \$45 = _____
Total Due = _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

Chromebooks will be delivered to students during the first week of school.

Official use only

Family elects to pay: During enrollment _____ Payment method _____ Approval _____

-Or- Roll into payment plan _____ Approval _____