



CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Greetings Parents of incoming 6th – 12th Grade Students,

Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) embarked on a One to One Device Program. One to One simply means that each student has their own technological device to use in each of their classes, and the students take the device to and from home to be used to complete much of their school work. CCA uses Google Chromebooks as our 1:1 device.

The Chromebook is essentially a small laptop that uses the Google Chrome Web Browser to activate Google Applications and is used throughout the MS/US community. We use the Chromebooks for: many online textbooks (i.e. math and science), note taking, online research, emailing, picture editing, creating documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, and using a wide variety of Google Apps for Education in the classroom. Although the Chromebook is meant to be used in an online platform, it does have offline capabilities and internal storage.

We have found the Chromebook to be the most efficient and affordable option for our school and families. ***For the 2019-2020 school year we require, as a standard school supply for all 6th – 12th grade students (and 5th grade students in advanced math), the purchase of a Chromebook*** that retails between \$200 to \$500 plus tax depending on your desired features. The Chromebook is the most important school supply that the students have for the remainder of their MS/US years.

No student information is shared outside of our organization. In addition, no email communication is allowed to student email addresses outside the organization, with the exception of a few educational institutions.

CCA Students need to observe the following in order for the One to One Program to work smoothly:

- ▶ Chromebooks used by students must be approved by the school, and bear a school issued sticker with the school logo and the student's name. This sticker will be issued by the school upon configuration and approval of Chrome Management on the device.
 - Please note: Other devices which run the Chrome web browser (iPads, Galaxy Notes, laptops, etc.) will not be allowed on campus. The reason for this policy is to be able to use our Management Console on each student's Chromebook which limits student use to those apps and extensions allowed in each particular class, all the while restricting access and use of Facebook, Snap Chat, Instagram, games, etc. during school hours.
 - Because we are using Chrome Management, each student must have his/her own device (not shared with a sibling or parent).
 - If a device is repaired/replaced, the unit must be submitted for inspection before use on campus to ensure the Chrome Management is in place. Evading or bypassing Chrome Management will result in disciplinary action.

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- ▶ CCA will restrict usage of the Chromebook to selected sites/apps while at school. Off campus there will be some safety restrictions in place, but not to the same degree. We have developed an optional policy, which will place the same restrictions on and off campus. This policy will eliminate the use of social media, music streaming, and similar sites. Please submit a request to have your student placed on the “Restricted” policy if you wish this to be implemented.
- ▶ Students must come to school each day with a fully charged battery. Do not bring charging cable to school as the Chromebooks are to be charged at home only. CCA does not have facilities to support a charging station, nor security to safeguard the devices if left charging.
- ▶ Students & families will be responsible for the well-being of the Chromebook and will be financially responsible for any damages or replacements.

We have witnessed great learning taking place in the classroom through the implementation of this program and have seen that it not only puts technology at the fingertips of our students, but augments their breadth and depth of knowledge while enhancing their classroom experience.

The next page contains the specs of several Chromebooks currently available that are recommended by our System Administrator. Each has different features that you will want to consider when selecting your device. Please do not purchase any older/first generation models as the battery life is too short to last the entire school day.

Kind Regards,

CCA Administration

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Top Chromebook recommendations

This list is what I believe to be the best value propositions for durability and performance at the time written, in order first through fifth. I strongly suggest a case for your device, and be extra careful if keeping it in a backpack. I see devices damaged 10 times more often when not kept in a case.

Chromebook	Processor	Memory (RAM)	Storage	Screen	Resolution	WiFi	Battery	Ports	Standout features
Asus C302CA Chromebook (About \$475) Amazon	Intel Core m3 2.2Ghz processor	4GB	64GB SSD	12.5" Touch screen LED	1920 x 1080 (Full HD)	802.11 b/g/n/ac	~10 Hours	Bluetooth, Micro SD reader, USB 3.1 Type-C, Audio in/out	Ruggedized aluminum casing, fold and tent capable, touchscreen
Acer R13 (About \$360) Amazon Best Buy	MediaTek 2.1 GHz Processor	4GB	32GB SSD	13.3" Touch screen LED	1920 x 1080 (Full HD)	802.11 b/g/n/ac	~10 Hours	Bluetooth, HDMI, Micro SD reader, USB (3.0/2.0), Audio in/out	Ruggedized aluminum casing, fold and tent capable, touchscreen
Dell Chromebook 3181 (About \$199) Dell Best Buy	Intel Celeron 1.6 GHz N3060 Processor	4GB	16GB SSD	11.6" LED	1366 x 768 (HD)	802.11 b/g/n/ac	~10 Hours	Bluetooth, HDMI, Micro SD reader, USB 3.1, Audio in/out	Ruggedized case, spill resistant
HP Chromebook 14 (About \$250) Amazon Best Buy	Intel Celeron 1.1 GHz N3350 Processor	4GB	32GB	14" LED	1366 x 768 (HD)	802.11 b/g/n/ac	~10 Hours	Bluetooth, Micro SD reader, USB (3.1/3.0), Audio in/out	Touchscreen
Samsung Chromebook 3 (About \$185) Amazon Best Buy	Intel Celeron 1.6 GHz N3060 Processor	4GB	16GB SSD	11.6" LED	1366 x 768 (HD)	802.11 b/g/n/ac	~10 Hours	Bluetooth, HDMI, Micro SD reader, USB, Audio in/out	

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