

Middle Schoolers Get a Chromebook All Day, Every Day!

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Every student at all three middle schools now has the power of a Chromebook in their hands all day long. During the month of December a "stay in school" one-to-one program was implemented at all three middle schools.

Having a device available all day is a paradigm-shifting model that will promote continuity and integration across different subjects. (That new topic we just covered in Science class? I think I can relate this new math formula to it - let me pop open my notes and see!) Instantaneous access to documents in an organized, searchable context makes accessing information simpler and faster than flipping through a notebook. With 1:1 Chromebooks at the middle school, technology can be integrated across all subject areas. Last, and certainly not least, the collaborative capabilities of Google Docs allow students to work together throughout the day. Since everything is stored on Google Drive, the students can continue to work on projects, right where they left off, from home.

While students don't take the devices home as they do at the high school level, they have access to the devices throughout the day and return them to secure charging carts before they leave school. With this model we hope to decrease breakage and extend the lives of the chromebooks.

We are very excited to take the next step in providing a true "anytime/anywhere" learning environment for our students!