

Frequently Asked Questions

Your input is valuable. Please visit [SchoolZone](#) for updates on technology implementation and to provide your feedback.

What kind of Chromebook should we purchase?

Chromebooks vary in price and features, but any Chromebook will meet the student device requirements.

How will the use of technology be monitored?

All students are required to read and sign a Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA). By accepting the Terms and Conditions, users will be expected to uphold the contents of the AUA as well as the Student Code of Conduct on their student-owned devices. D.S. MacKenzie School will continue to filter content for users connected to the Edmonton Public Schools network.

Will students be on their computers for the entire day?

No, technology will be used as a tool, when appropriate, to enhance learning.

Will there be any additional fees for data plans?

All fees and charges related to texting or Internet use on any student-owned device are the sole responsibility of the owner.

What if my child's laptop or other technology device is stolen?

The District, school, or any employees of the District, are not responsible for theft, loss or damage of student-owned devices. Keeping track of the device's serial number, model and type at home is suggested.

Will cell phones be acceptable as a student owned device?

At this time, cell phones do not meet the required features (i.e full keyboard) of our student owned device plan. However, as is current practice, the use of cell phones is at teacher discretion in addition to student owned devices.

Will students be allowed to charge their device at school?

No, students will be required to charge their devices at home in order to maintain continuity of instruction during regular classroom hours.

What if families cannot afford a device?

Please contact the principal or assistant principal to discuss alternatives (780-438-9103).

D.S. MacKenzie School Student-Owned Device Plan

forward thinking.
forward moving.

*At **D.S. MacKenzie**, all grade 7-9 students are required to bring a student-owned device which supports relevant and engaging instruction and learning.*

With teacher direction, students will use their own devices (preferably a Chromebook) in the classroom to access assignments, research information, communicate with other learners, and use productivity tools to demonstrate their learning.




Vision

We will capitalize on the **potential** of technologies to **engage** students and staff and **empower** them to succeed (District Technology Strategic Plan).

Mission

**D.S. MacKenzie School is committed to Meeting the Needs
of Every Learner.**

We will prepare all students and teachers to maximize learning by fully integrating relevant technology into academic content to:

- acquire, share, evaluate and create digital information in a global context
 - achieve media and digital literacy
 - demonstrate responsibility and digital citizenship
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Goals

By September 2019, 100% of students will **bring** their own devices for **learning**.

By June 2020, all classrooms will **utilize** devices for **global learning experiences**.

By June 2020, 100% of students will **demonstrate digital literacy.**

By June 2020, 100% of students will **demonstrate digital citizenship.**

Preferred Devices

To provide consistency across subjects, classrooms and among students, D.S. MacKenzie School strongly recommends the Chromebook as the preferred device to purchase and bring to school.

Devices used by students **must** have the following features:

- Compatible with Google Apps for Education
- Full Keyboard for word processing
- No need to purchase additional software

Devices used by students **should** have the following features:

- Boot up time of under 10 seconds
- 6-8 hours of battery life with a fast charge
- Low cost (\$225—\$400 at Staples or Best Buy)

Alternate Devices

If you are considering an alternate device such as a tablet, be aware that many of these devices have limited compatibility with Google applications, do not have a keyboard nor lend themselves to our learning environment.

Please research compatibility carefully before purchasing. Ask school administration if you have any questions about which device to purchase.

Associated Costs

There is an initial cost to this investment for parents, therefore, for the 2019-20 school year, D.S. MacKenzie School will not charge fees for option courses.

If you are unable, financially or otherwise, to provide your child with a device, please contact the principal or assistant principal to discuss alternatives (780-438-9103).