

DAYTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

We are excited to share some fantastic news as our schools continue to Grow Forward! This school year our district will be starting a Digital Conversion Initiative by issuing each student in grades 9 through 12 an Apple MacBook Air computer that they will be able to take home each night. The reason for this Digital Conversion is that we see the need to better prepare our students for the 21st century and provide them the necessary tools to be successful. Over the course of the 2017-2018 school year, Dayton High School has been working on transitioning over to the use of an Apple MacBook Air for teachers and now we are poised to make the transitions for students as seamless as possible.

We are currently working on providing digital instructional resources for teachers such as electronic textbooks (which will greatly reduce our dependence on printed hardback textbooks), online learning environments, and assessments. We are committed to improving the Digital Citizenship of our students and by having technology available to every student we can offer amazing learning opportunities that would not be available otherwise.

We recognize the responsibilities which are inherent with this initiative. We assure you that we will be diligent in ensuring that students utilize these devices for the intended purpose. Responsible use and proper digital citizenship will be a priority. In addition, we will continue to take steps to ensure filtered access to inappropriate content during the school day and work closely with parents as partners in the learning process in order to encourage appropriate student use at home.

We do anticipate a small non-refundable technology fee that will allow students to use these laptops at home. Details of the total amount and options for payment are being finalized and will be shared soon.

Two weeks prior to the start of school, parents and students must receive training, pay the technology fee, and sign the Responsible Use Agreement prior to picking up the student's laptop computer.

During this training, proper use and care will be explained and questions answered. More information on this date will be shared on Facebook and the DHS website as we get closer to the school year.

We have added a section entitled Dayton Digital Conversion Initiative to our district website to house information as it becomes available. In closing, we believe that the computer is the pencil of the 21st century and we are proud that we are going to engage our 9-12 grade students in this new Digital Conversion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.


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