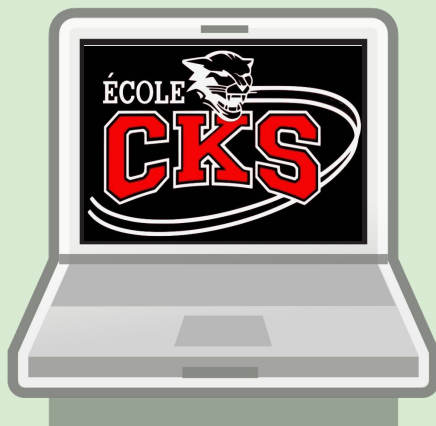


## Chromebook Purchase for ÉCKS Students



### **Our Commitment to Equity**

Whether you choose to purchase a device or not, every student will have access to the technology they need to thrive in our learning environment.

## Why Consider Purchasing a Chromebook?

- Long-Term Use: A quality Chromebook purchased now can support your child's learning through middle school and into high school.
- Life Skill Development: Teaches responsibility, time management, and preparedness—essential skills for future academic success.
- Consistent Access: Ensures your child has reliable access to a device at home and school, facilitating continuous learning.
- Increased Independence: Builds confidence in managing their own learning and digital tools.
- Streamlined Costs: We've adjusted our school supply list to help offset costs, recognizing this as a valuable and lasting investment.

## Addressing Common Concerns

### Concern: Theft or Damage

- Low Incidence: Theft is very rare at ÉCKS, thanks to our strong community culture and security measures.
- Recommendations: Encourage students to store Chromebooks securely in lockers during non-use and consider a protective case for added security.

### Concern: Transporting the Device

- Protection: A dedicated Chromebook sleeve or case is ideal for protecting the device when carried in a backpack or between home and school.

### Concern: Charging

- Facilities: While devices should be charged at home overnight, we have charging stations available at school as needed.

### Concern: Choosing Not to Purchase

- Access: No worries! The school always has Chromebooks available for students who need them. We are committed to equity and access for all.

## Important Note when Purchasing Chromebooks Independently

Some retailers may sell Chromebooks at discounted prices without clearly stating how close the device is to its Auto-Update Expiration. Each Chromebook model has a designated update support period—usually around 8 years from the device's **original release date**, not the date it was purchased. After this period, the Chromebook will no longer receive automatic updates from Google. While the device may still function, it could become less secure, no longer receive updates, become vulnerable to viruses and functionality can become reduced or incompatible with some school applications and systems over time.

Before buying a device (especially second-hand or clearance items), we strongly encourage parents to check the model's AUE date to ensure it will remain supported throughout their child's schooling.

You can look up AUE dates by visiting Google's official support page:  
<https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/6220366>