



Orono Public Schools Technology Overview for the 2020-21 School Year

Orono Schools is committed to ensuring that all students have access to the digital tools and resources that will enable them to receive the best possible educational experience. This document provides some detailed information around the use of technology during the 2020-21 school year. We will be deploying devices to all students K-5 and will be continuing the Orono PLUS program for students in grades 6-12.

Orono Schumann and Orono Intermediate School Devices

We are requesting that all families take a school-issued device so that teachers and students have equal access to all instructional tools. The school-issued device has access to a number of applications, subscriptions and safety features that are necessary for teachers to provide a high-quality learning experience to all students.

- Orono Schumann Elementary: All students will be issued a school-owned and managed iPad. The iPad will come with a charger and a case.
 - Orono Intermediate School: All students will be issued a school-owned and managed Chromebook. The Chromebook will come with a charger and a case.
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Orono Middle School and Orono High School Devices

At the secondary level, there are two options for families to access a device: check out a school-owned device or Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).

Orono PLUS - School-Owned Annual Check Out: Orono Schools has Chromebooks available for any student in grades 6-12 to check out for the year if the family does not want to purchase their own device. If you would like to borrow a device from the school, please submit your information to the [Orono PLUS - Chromebook Annual Check Out form](#).

Due date: Please complete a separate form for each child who needs a device by August 26, 2020.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Orono PLUS (Incoming 6th and 9th grade students): In the BYOD program, families are responsible for purchasing and providing a device for their child.

We are excited to be continuing our partnership with Best Buy again this year. Families with children entering 6th and 9th grade will get \$100 off a selected device through the Best Buy Webstore. There are four device models available with the \$100 off coupon.

How to receive your \$100 off coupon code. Please submit your information to the [Orono Plus Best Buy coupon code form](#) to receive your coupon code. **Please note** that it may take up to 24 hours to receive your \$100 off coupon code.

Expiration date: The Best Buy coupon program ends on **September 30, 2020**.

How to order devices available through Best Buy. Due to COVID-19 and a disruption to the supply chain, we are choosing the four devices, below, because Best Buy has guaranteed them to be in stock. If you experience "sold out" status on the website, please check back the next day and the stock will be replenished.

Please click the link, below, to access the live links in the following images:

<https://www.orono.k12.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/Orono-Plus-Best-Buy.pdf>

Orono Plus - Best Buy Coupon Program (6th & 9th Grade)

Your school has selected Best Buy Education to support their district technology strategy. As part of that plan you will have the option to purchase your student a device through Best Buy.

Your district is funding \$100 tech fee in the form of a Discount Code to be applied toward the purchase of your student's device. Please submit your information to the [Orono Plus - Best Buy Coupon](#) form to receive your coupon code.

Here are the steps to quickly and easily purchase your student's device through Bestbuy.com:

1. Review the device options (see next slide)
2. When you are ready to purchase, click on the link of the selected product and add to your cart
3. Shop for additional warranties and add to your cart to purchase
4. After purchases are selected, proceed to check out. At check-out create or use your My Best Buy account or check out as a guest.
5. Apply your discount code in the gift card, codes and discount code field during the check out process. See screenshots on how and where to apply code. Once the code is applied, you will see the savings. This code will only work one time and only on the devices listed on the next slide
6. Check out with discount code, payment and shipping/store pick up preferences
7. Enjoy your purchase!



For any post-order support, please contact 1-888-237-8289 and reference your order number.



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"With the challenging times we are in and the increased demand/fluid-nature of personal devices, all Consumer Models that are a part of your offering may suffer a LIMITED 'out-of-stock' status; please check back next day on the device you wish, as replenishment occurs daily"

Device Options:



<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/asus-chromebook-c203xays02gr-11-6-hd-1366x768-anti-glare-mt8173c-4gb-ram-32gb-emmc-dark-grey/6411061.p?skuld=6411061>

ASUS C203 11.6" Clamshell Chromebook – 4GB / 32GB



<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/asus-flip-c214ma-2-in-1-11-6-touch-screen-chromebook-intel-celeron-4gb-memory-32gb-emmc-flash-memory-dark-gray/6333712.p?skuld=6333712>

ASUS C214 11.6" 2-in-1 Chromebook – 4GB/32GB



<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/lenovo-yoga-c740-2-in-1-14-touch-screen-laptop-intel-core-i5-8gb-memory-256gb-solid-state-drive-mic-a/6367805.p?skuld=6367805>

Lenovo Yoga C740 14" 2-in-1 Laptop – 8GB/256GB SSD



<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/apple-macbook-air-13-3-laptop-with-touch-id-intel-core-i3-8gb-memory-256gb-solid-state-drive-latest-model-silver/6366608.p?skuld=6366608>

Apple Macbook Air 13.3" – 8GB/256GB SSD

If you are receiving this in paper form, you will need to type the full URL into the webpage to access the device



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BYOD - Other Options: We recommend that you shop around to see if there is a device that might meet your needs. Some stores, such as Costco or Sam's Club, offer additional 1-2 year warranties for free or have discounted prices from other retailers. Please reach out to [Alex Townsend](#) with any questions.

Device Insurance for School Owned Devices

We are offering all families the opportunity to take part in an optional device insurance program through the Orono Public Schools. The cost of the insurance is \$50.00 per device and covers various accidental damage costs. The technology department does provide a case with every device that it deploys to help prevent damage to the device.

In the event that the device has defective hardware, the Technology Department will repair or replace the device, without an insurance claim.

For more details on the insurance program, please review the [Orono Public Schools Device Insurance Program](#) document. These optional insurance payments can be made in [MyPaymentsPlus](#). **Due date:** Please submit your information by **August 26, 2020**.

Internet Hotspots

Orono Technology has internet hotspots for families who do not have access to the internet at their home. These hotspots use T-Mobile's cellular data to connect to the internet and provide unlimited data each month.

If you do not have access to the internet at your home, please submit your information via the [Internet Hotspot form](#) and we will work with your family to get you a hotspot.

Due date: Please submit your information by **August 26, 2020**.

Device Distribution

There will be more information coming out closer to the start of the school year with instructions on how to pick up an assigned device, no matter which learning model your family has chosen.

Thank you!