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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We excitedly await the start of a new school year and are delighted to announce the district's technology initiative is moving into the next phase called Technology-Enhanced Curriculum (TEC). Beginning this year, high school students will be allowed to check out a Chromebook for use at school and at home. A Chromebook is a laptop device that is fully internet capable and can access the vast information that is available outside the walls of classrooms.

Much time and effort has been given to research for this next phase of technology implementation. Many districts around the nation have successfully implemented 1:1 (one device per student) technologies and take home plans. We feel confident our students and teachers will benefit from this initiative. As with all new programs or initiatives, concerns may arise but we are prepared to work through them to ensure student success.

The vision of Camden County Schools is to graduate all students prepared to achieve lifelong goals and to contribute to society. To fulfill that vision, students' skills and abilities must far outweigh those of earlier generations. The mission of the 1:1 initiative is to create a collaborative learning environment for all learners. Teachers have received years of professional development focused on the effective integration of technology. A 1:1 classroom environment will:

- Allow students to transition from consumers of information to creative producers and owners of knowledge;
- Enhance students' engagement with content;
- Enable students and teachers to implement transformative uses of technology;
- Promote the development of self-directed, self-reflective, critical thinking, problem-solving, lifelong 21st century learners and workers; and
- Provide equitable access to students to communicate, interact and share information through resources outside the doors of the classroom and home environments.

While the device is less important than the teaching and learning, its use will greatly enhance the creativity, collaboration, and communication among students and teachers.

The take home project will provide access to information for students who may not have access to devices and will ensure the classroom tools are available to all students while working at home. Students will be able to blend their learning: research/access information outside school to enhance their in-school learning expectations. Built-in content filtering will provide users access to those websites and web-based resources that are available in schools. Our district's web filters will be in place any time the Chromebook is in use.

Your permission is required and your child must also sign forms prior to checkout. These forms and other very information and answers to frequently asked TEC questions are links within this website module.

Respectfully,

The Technology-Enhanced Curriculum Team
Camden County Schools

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