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Orange County Public Schools
Digital Learning Program

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Digital Learning has LaunchED at Orange County Public Schools
Frequently Asked Questions

Digital Learning

What is digital learning?
Digital learning is a combination of technology, digital content and instruction used to strengthen a student's learning experience. It helps out students meet the Florida State Standards in order to prepare them for the 21st century workplace.

What is the difference between one-to-one and BYOD?
One-to-one is an initiative to equip every student with a device to grant them access to digital content and instruction. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is an initiative that encourages and permits students to bring their personally-owned device to school in order to access digital content and instruction.

What is the difference between blended and flipped learning?
Blended and flipped learning are combinations of both online and in the classroom learning. In a blended model, students typically interact with new content at school and practice or interact with complementary content online. Flipped learning exposes students to new content online and uses classroom time to apply material in the form of problem-solving or discussion.

How will digital curriculum change teaching and learning in the classroom?
It will make learning more interactive as well as allow for differentiated instruction to meet the individual needs of your child.

Will my child still use paper and pencil?
Yes, your child will still need to use paper and pencil to work out problems, as well as learn handwriting and other necessary skills. Your child will turn in both paper and digital assignments. The digital assignments will be turned in via Edmodo or Drive. Use of paper changes based on your grade level.

Where will my student access their textbooks?
Student textbooks are available in both online and offline formats. Online textbooks are accessible through launch.ocps.net.

Where will my student produce and store work?
Students will produce and store all work in a cloud-based platform such as Google Apps for Education, which offers applications for word processing, presentations, spreadsheets, and more.

How will digital learning impact students with disabilities?
Students with special needs will benefit from having a device to support their Individual Education Plan. Based on their unique learning needs, devices may be equipped or modified to include adaptive software and programs. We ensure accessibility to instructional materials. The staffing specialist will determine what is best for each student based on their unique learning needs.

How will I consent to or opt out of digital learning?
Parents will have the opportunity to consent or opt-out of the Digital Learning Agreement and the Student Technology Responsible and Acceptable Use form at the beginning of the school year or upon enrollment.

Will my child use their device for testing?
Yes, all devices work with the online specifications for the Florida Standards Assessment and classroom assessments.

Where can I find digital learning policies and procedures?
Policies and procedures regarding digital learning can be found at digital.ocps.net.

Who is responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices or peripherals when the laptop is away from school?
Similar to any other instructional material, the student is responsible for

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their device. Teachers will work with students on responsible use and safekeeping of their device. Additionally, each device is equipped with the CompuTrace system, so stolen devices can be disabled and recovered. If loss or theft is suspected, parents should immediately notify OCPS by calling 407.317.3290. Additionally, students should immediately report a lost or stolen device to their teacher. Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine whether they can be repaired and what fee if any should be assessed.

What are the consequences for lost, stolen, or damaged devices or peripherals?
The consequences are outlined in the Digital Learning Agreement.

How do consequences differ for lost or stolen devices?
If a device is lost or stolen, a police report will be filed and an investigation will take place. The findings of the investigation will determine the action taken.

What if I can't pay the fine?
If this is a concern, please speak with your school-based administrator.

How long do I have to pay the fine?
The responsible parties will have ninety calendar days from the date of assessment.

How am I notified if there is a fine?
Currently, students are notified by the school within 10 days of when they are levied with a fine just as they are with library books. Parents may be contacted by administrators if the fine is of a large sum or overdue. Students are responsible for paying all fines prior to withdrawing from school or graduating.

How and where do I pay the fine?
Fines can be paid in the media center by cash or money order made out to the student's school.

How will my child get technical support if they encounter issues?
Students will receive technical support from the school Library Media Specialist and Technology Service Representative during school hours.

How long does the device battery last? What if a student's device battery runs out during the day?
Students are advised to plug in their laptop every evening at home to ensure that it is fully charged each day. When students are not using the device during the day, they will power down their device to conserve its battery life. Classrooms are equipped with electrical outlets for emergency recharging as needed throughout the school day.

What if my student moves or transfers during the school year?
Each laptop is the property of OCPS. If a student moves or changes schools during the school year, the student will need to return the device to the campus within 48 hours. All devices are returned to the campus at the end of each school year.

Can I purchase my student's device upon leaving the school?
Currently, this is not an option.

Will my student get the same device from year to year?
This depends on the school. Speak with your school administration about this option.

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If my student already has a personal device, do I need to use the district provided device?
As long as the device meets the district specifications and is registered, then the student may use the device at school. However, personally-owned devices will not receive technical support at school. Specifications can be found at byod.ocps.net.

To what extent can my student customize the device?
Students may not adhere any decorative or personalizing stickers or labels to the device, which leaves residue upon removal. Students may not draw or otherwise mark the device in lead, ink, or paint. However, students may change the desktop or screen saver on their device so long as the image is school appropriate.

Internet Access for Digital Learning

What if a student doesn't have internet access at home?
OCPS recognizes that students may not have access to the Internet at home. So, each OCPS campus is equipped with wireless Internet. Additionally, many locations in the community offer free wireless internet access. See www.openwifispots.com for locations closest to you.

How will my child study or learn at home without internet access?
Students will be able to download their work at school and complete it for homework offline.

What is Connect2Compete?
Connect2Compete is a program for K-12 students and provides affordable Internet service to students and families that qualify for the National School Lunch Program. Eligible customers receive fast, affordable Internet for as low as $9.95 per month (plus tax).

How do I qualify for Connect2Compete?
A family may qualify for **Connect2Compete** program if they satisfy the following requirements:

- Have at least one child eligible or enrolled in the National School Lunch Program.
- Have not subscribed to Internet service within the last 90 days.
- Have no outstanding bills or unreturned equipment.

How will inappropriate content be handled?
The OCPS firewall will be in place to block inappropriate sites on campus. We will follow the OCPS Code of Student Conduct, and follow the same procedures as is done for paper-based offences. In addition to the OCPS firewall, teachers are equipped with monitoring software to monitor in class Internet use of the devices.

How can I filter internet access at home?
You can add parental controls to your router. Contact you Internet service provider for assistance. Parents are not able to add additional parental controls to the device itself.

Parents of Digital Learners

What is expected from me as a parent?
You should familiarize yourself with textbooks, applications being used by schools, and the student devices. Remind your child to charge their device every night. Encourage student responsibility and organizational skills. Communicate with school personnel regarding any concerns about digital learning or the device.

What specific resources do I need to know about?
- **Launch.ocps.net**: This is how students access instructional software, textbooks, and more. The website can be accessed on any device with an internet connection.

- **Edmodo**: This is how teachers and students communicate regarding school assignments. Parents can sign up for a free account and get the Edmodo parent app for iOS, Android, or Windows mobile devices and see what assignments their students have.

- **ProgressBook**: This is where teachers post student grades. Contact your student's guidance counselor for your unique parent login information.

- **Google Apps for Education**: This is where students create, collaborate, and save files. This is also where students check their email and keep their calendars up to date. Students can access their Google account on any device.

- **LanSchool**: This classroom management software allows teachers to monitor, collaborate, and communicate with students as they work on their devices. This feature is only available while students are on campus.

What if I don't know much about computers?
OCPS values the school-home connection. Students are "tech savvy" and are great technology teachers to adults. Have your student show you what they are working on using their device, their school's website or how to view grades online.

How can I monitor the use of my student's device at home?
OCPS encourages families to routinely engage and observe their student's technology use. Setting expectations and rules for home use of the device is critical to ensuring your student's success. Encourage your student to use their device in common areas only. Additionally, ask your student to share any work they've completed or studying they've done using their device. Designate a charging station in your home and ensure students have the device plugged in by a time you've established.

Do I need to limit screen time for my student?
If you are concerned your student may be spending too much free time on non-academic activities using their device, you may want to limit screen time. Have a conversation with your student to reach an agreement on screen time limits during the week and/or on weekends. For more information on screen time, visit www.commonsensemedia.org.

What kind of support and training is available for parents?
OCPS offers support and training through its Parent Academy and online parent modules. Your student's school may offer additional support and training models on campus. In addition to school and district resources, the Orange Library System has many technology-related courses available free of charge.

LaunchED by the Numbers

3 BYOD schools
1 K-8 School
7 elementary schools
5 middle schools
19 high schools

LaunchED School Sites

- Apopka High School
- Audubon Park Elementary School
- Boone High School
- Colonial High School
- Corner Lake Middle School
- Cypress Creek High School
- Dr. Phillips High School
- East River High School
- Edgewater High School
- Evans High School
- Freedom High School
- Hunter's Creek Middle School
- Jones High School
- Lake Nona High School
- Liberty Middle School
- Millennia Elementary School
- Millennia Gardens Elementary School
- Oak Ridge High School
- Ocoee High School
- Olympia High School
- Pinewood Elementary School
- Southwest Middle School
- South Creek Middle School
- Sunrise Elementary School
- Timber Creek High Schools
- University High School
- Wedgefield School
- Wekiva High School
- West Orange High School
- Wetherbee Elementary School
- Windermere Elementary School
- Winter Park High School

For the latest information on your **LaunchED** school, visit www.digital.ocps.net.

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