



Grass Lake Community Schools Parent Information Meeting

Guide to navigating technology as
we go “One to One” at GLCS



1:1 Initiative - Overview

- It has been a long standing goal of GLCS to implement a 1:1 initiative
- GLCS was awarded a 1.89 million dollar grant for technology from Robert and Ellen Thompson
- This grant has allowed for infrastructure and hardware upgrades throughout the district

1:1 Initiative - Research Based Philosophy

- Improved student academic achievement.
- Students using the internet and computer media to communicate and work together on assignments and projects.
- Improving the use of critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, and solve problems.
- Students' better understanding of legal and ethical behavior related to technology.
- Targeted instruction to better meet the learning style of the students.

Rollout Timeline

- June 2016 - Teacher devices delivered
- July - August 2016 - Teacher professional development
- Fall 2016 - Informational meeting for parents and students
- November 2016 - January 2017 - Student devices are issued
- Summer of 2017 - Multimedia and desktop upgrades
- Multiple Year process to fully implement 1:1 instructional philosophy.

Device Rollout Dates

- **High School** - First week of November
- **Middle School** - First week of December
- **Elementary** - Second week of January

Educational Process

- Parents and students will notice a reduction in handwritten material.
- A transition from hard copies of books and assignments to digital versions.
- Increase in interactive/collaborative work amongst the students and teacher.
- Parents will have increased insight into what is happening in the classroom. Parents will have the capability to login to Schoology and see exactly what is happening on a daily basis.

Schoology

grasslakeschools.schoology.com

- Login link is located on the school's web page under parent login links.
- Learning Management (LMS) system that will be used by all teachers
- Will replace LMS's like Moodle, Edmodo, Blackboard
- Parents received mailing, during the month of September, with login information.

Examples of Screencasting

- https://drive.google.com/a/jcisd.org/file/d/0B3q1X2Li4c_EdUQwM2tMa2JyTTQ/view?usp=sharing
Mr. Chapman description on understanding political cartoons.
- <https://drive.google.com/a/jcisd.org/file/d/0B-8sJQe2q6V5dTE2bWZiMWtibFU/view?usp=sharing>
Ms. Long video on MLA formatting.

Expectations for at home:

- Students are expected to bring their device to school, every day, fully charged and ready for use.
- Students will charge their device at home just like they would charge their cell phone.
- Device remains in protective case, stored in a safe place and kept clean.
- Monitor device use by students, this is an educational tool just like a graphing calculator or book.
- Device should not be used by the family for personal use.

Requirements to Receive Device

- Parental Attendance at Information Meeting
- Completed Parent/Student Responsible Use Signature Page
- Completed Electronic Device Insurance Protection Plan
- Insurance Payment
- All forms can be found in the 1:1 initiative tab on the district's web page. (First tab on the left hand side of the home page)
- All completed forms and insurance payment should be submitted to the school office and students will receive a device ticket, and instructions where to pick up their device.

Insurance Policy Exclusions

- Will not pay if damage or loss occurs in conjunction with dishonest, fraudulent, intentional, negligent or criminal acts.
- Consumables: Including but not limited to the case, the charger, and software.
- Cosmetic damage that does not affect the functionality of the device.
- GLCS is not liable for any loss, damage (including incidental, consequential, or punitive damages) for expense caused directly or indirectly by the equipment.

Internet Access

- Grass Lake Community School buildings are open, at a minimum, from 7:00 - 4:00, Monday - Friday. Additional availability will be posted on our web page.
- Jackson District County Libraries have free internet access. A local branch in Grass Lake is located at: 130 W. Michigan Ave. Grass Lake, MI 49240
 - **Hours:** Monday 10 am–7 pm, Tuesday closed, Wednesday 10 am–7 pm, Thursday 10 am–6 pm, Friday 10 am–6 pm, Saturday 10 am–2 pm, Sunday closed
- Local Businesses

Filters: iBoss

www.iboss.com/industry/k-12

- Provides off-campus protection for school devices.
- Protects schools against advanced cyber threats.

Gathering Information

- www.grasslakeschools.com - All information covered in tonights program can be found on the school website under 1:1 technology initiative. It is the first tab on the left side of our home page.
- All required forms can be found under the 1:1 technology tab on the back pages of the Student Technology Handbook.
- Other items under the 1:1 technology initiative tab:
 - 1:1 Topic Articles
 - 1:1 Explanation from Dr. Kiser
 - Article: "What is digital learning & what it means directly to the classroom"
 - 1:1 Frequently Asked Questions

Device/Technology Issues Procedure

1. Notify office personnel and receive a repair ticket. (Notification of issue)
2. Repair ticket, with general description of problem, should be placed in the device.
3. Take device to the appropriate repair location. (HS media center)
4. Student will be checked out a loaner device until their device is repaired.
5. **Parent Questions and Helpful Hints, email:**
grasslake.technology@grasslakeschools.com

Closing Remarks

- Great opportunity for Grass Lake Community Schools and their students.
- It will change how teachers approach teaching and students approach learning.
- This initiative provides the opportunity for the Grass Lake Community to prepare our students for the challenges they face after graduation.
- The support of the entire community will be essential in making our 1:1 initiative a success.
- THANK YOU!!!!