

New! RUSD Chromebook Family Purchase Option

The Racine Unified School District is thrilled to offer RUSD families the chance to purchase the same, Chromebook laptops your children use in the classroom for use at home. In partnership with CDW-G, RUSD families can purchase a Chromebook for their child through an online storefront. These Chromebooks will provide students access to educational resources for homework, sick days, holidays and even snow days.

How do I purchase a Chromebook computer?

In order to purchase a Chromebook computer, you must first set up a user profile on the CDW-G Purchase Portal. To do that, go to www.cdwg.com/rusd and click on the “RUSD Survey” link and complete the survey questions. Within 24 hours you will receive an email with your username and password. From there, go back to www.cdwg.com/rusd and login with your new username and password. Once you’re logged in, select the items you’d like to purchase (a protective bag is offered at a discounted rate) and proceed through checkout.

Note: Please enter your shipping address when purchasing a Chromebook (not the District address). That way your device(s) can be sent directly to your home.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, please see these frequently asked questions.

How long will it take to get my child’s Chromebook?

In most cases, your child’s Chromebook will arrive in 1-2 days based on availability.

Am I required to purchase a device for my child?

No. Racine Unified School District’s objective is to promote greater access to technology and increase academic engagement for our students when they are not in school. Racine Unified School District will continue to make classroom computers, Chromebooks and laptop carts available to all students during the school day.

Can I send the laptop with my child to school each day so he/she can use it in the classroom and at home?

Yes.

Can I purchase a computer for another child?

If the family provides that student’s ID, you may purchase a computer for another child.

If I am not a parent/guardian of an RUSD child, can I still purchase a Chromebook?

You may only purchase a computer if you have a student ID number. The purpose of this program is to provide more access to academic tools for RUSD students.

Can RUSD staff purchase a Chromebook?

We are not able to offer this opportunity for staff at this time. However, RUSD staff are eligible for many discounts on electronic devices. Visit rusd.perkspot.com for more information.

Who do I contact if I need help configuring the Chromebook computer?

Students/families will be responsible for configuring their own devices. However, all Chromebooks will come with access to all the academic programs the school’s Chromebooks contain. If you need assistance or have questions about the hardware you can contact CDW-G Tech support at 1-888-810-2394.

Who do I contact for repair service?

Students and/or their families are responsible for their personal electronic devices at all times. If your student-owned Chromebook needs repair, we recommend that you contact the device manufacturer for more information and repair options. Racine Unified School District does not have the technology support staff to repair or update these computers.

Why CDW-G? Can I purchase a Chromebook elsewhere?

Racine Unified School District has partnered with CDW-G to offer an option for families to purchase a Chromebook for their student fully-loaded with the academic programs our schools use. Families may also purchase a Chromebook from the retailer of their choice.

Are there suggested accessories?

A padded bag or protective sleeve is suggested and can be purchased at a discounted rate at the same time as the purchase of a Chromebook. This will provide more protection for the day-to-day use of the Chromebook. Additional accessories including headphones are suggested and are available at many local retailers.

What software will be needed on my child's computer?

No software needs to be purchased. The Racine Unified School District utilizes Google Apps to store, communicate and collaborate. Google Apps is a suite of web-based messaging and collaboration applications that Google hosts on their own servers. Google provides these applications as a "service" rather than as software to download and install. To access these applications, you simply use a web browser on a computer that's connected to the Internet. All RUSD students have access to Google Apps by using their **student ID** and their **District password**.

Will there be "charging stations" at school so my child's Chromebook can be recharged?

Charging stations will not be provided. However, most classrooms do have electric outlets that can be utilized. The Chromebook's battery charge should be sufficient for lessons requiring use of the device throughout the day so they can typically be charged at home.

Who is responsible for damage, loss or theft of devices my child brings to school?

We encourage families to stress the responsibility their students have when bringing their own electronic devices to school. Any Chromebooks students bring to school are their sole responsibility. Racine Unified School District cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen devices. Nor can RUSD assume financial responsibility for damaged, lost or stolen personal electronic devices.

Will my child be asked to share his or her device with other children?

Your child should not lend his or her Chromebook to another student nor will they be asked to share. It is for their exclusive use. From time to time, an assignment may have a collaborative component in which students work together in partners or small groups. In this learning situation, your child should maintain sole use of their Chromebook. Teachers will assist students with secured storing or safe placement of their Chromebooks when not in use in the classroom.

How will my child's device be secure from being stolen?

It is ultimately the student's responsibility to keep track and maintain his/her property. There are several software options on the market to help protect portable devices.