

SD 81 Fort Nelson - 1:1 Chromebook Initiative

As our society continues to increase its reliance on technology and the internet, it has never been more important to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to thrive in a rapidly changing world. In School District 81 we understand that all students need to have training and experience working hands on with emerging technologies and online resources to prepare them for the work force after they graduate.

Starting in the fall of 2017, all FNSS students will be receiving a Chromebook to support their educational endeavors in SD 81. Students in grades 8 through 12 will receive a Chromebook at the beginning of September and use it for the duration of the school year, returning it in June before summer holidays. Students are permitted, and in fact encouraged to take them home in order to complete assignments.

Teachers at FNSS are also very excited to use online resources that our now possible when students have access to the internet in every day. Google Suite for Education provides students with a word processor (Google Docs), presentation software (Google Slides), spreadsheet editor (Google Sheets), and email (Gmail). These apps in combination with Google Classrooms allows new ways to present lessons and encourage collaboration that were not possible before.

Providing equal access to technology is very important in our district. We strongly believe that no one should be left out of any educational opportunity due to financial barriers. As such, there is zero cost to students or parents for using a school district Chromebook during the year.

We are excited to see how teachers and students work together to find new and creative ways to be engaged in the shared learning process. Chromebooks will be another tool students will use to achieve success in our district.

If you have any questions about the Chromebook initiative in SD 81 please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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