



## CHROMEBOOK SUMMER UPKEEP

Current 3rd - 11th grade students will take chromebooks home over the summer break.

Web filtering and activity tracking will remain installed.

Consider leaving devices at home when traveling or going to summer camps.

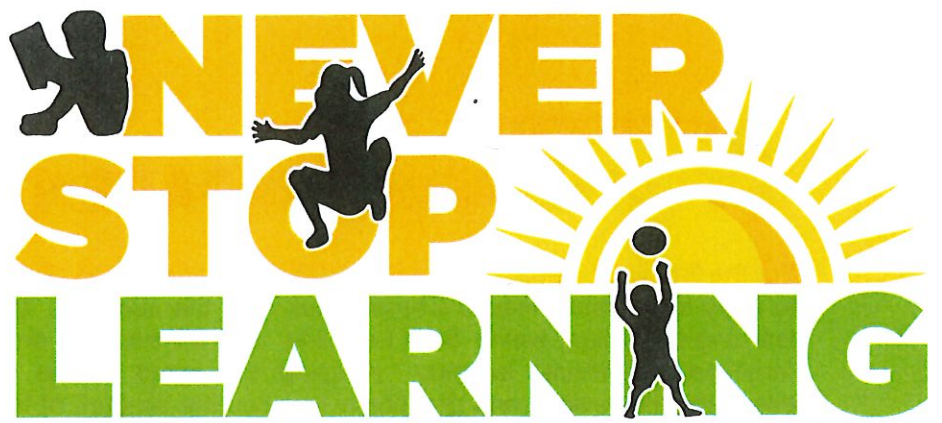
Even if a student does not intend to use the device over the summer, we ask families to consider storing the device at home.

Families who choose not to keep their device over the summer must notify their current school in writing before May 21, 2019.

**Damaged devices can be dropped off at the cluster high school on the following dates: June 12, June 26, July 10, and July 24 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.**

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the summer learning program and to view the terms and conditions of the 2018-19 empowerHCS student learning device program, visit the *Henry County Schools Information Services* webpage



Resources for Summer Learning from Henry County Schools

We believe learning should never stop. Reading and using math skills during school breaks help students to retain skills learned throughout the school year. Our summer learning campaign provides activities that encourage learning, inspire creativity, and promote family time.

To encourage participation in Never Stop Learning, Henry County School District encourages all current 3rd through 11th grade students to keep their district-issued Chromebook over the summer! *(unless he/she plans to graduate or withdraw at the end of this school year)*

# LEARN. CREATE. MOVE. READ.



[http://bit.ly/HCS\\_SummerLearning](http://bit.ly/HCS_SummerLearning)

The resources provided can be used for elementary, middle, and high school students to prevent “summer slide”. While the suggested activities can be found online, not all activities require students to use their devices. We recommend that families develop a Media Use Plan in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines that considers not only the quantity but quality of the screen time. View the parent resources on the website for information on monitoring chromebook usage along with other considerations for screen time involving TV, phones, gaming consoles, etc.

**Have a great summer!**





# NEVER STOP LEARNING PARENT INFORMATION

For the first year, Henry County School District encourages all current 3rd through 11th grade students to keep their district-issued Chromebook over the summer! This is in conjunction with the summer learning campaign, Never Stop Learning, and will bring us one step closer to fulfilling our vision of “anytime, anywhere” learning. Keeping the same device from year-to-year promotes student ownership of devices and drastically reduces the amount of instructional time lost during collection and distribution of Chromebooks each year.

Students will be able to use their devices to participate in the Never Stop Learning summer campaign that provides resources to encourage academic learning, inspire creativity, and promote family time. Examples include reading, writing, computer coding, art, and physical activities. High school students should also consider using summer months to research colleges and apply for scholarships. While the suggested activities can be found online, not all activities require students to use their devices. We recommend that families develop a [Media Use Plan](#) in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines that considers not only the quantity but quality of the screen time.

Even if a student does not intend to use the device over the summer, we ask families to consider storing the device at home. Doing so guarantees that the student will have access to their Chromebook on the very first day of school and avoids potential delays during student registration and schedule pick-up. These devices do not require regular maintenance over the summer and can be safely stored on a shelf with the charger nearby. Additional tips for using and/or storing a Chromebook will be sent home at the end of the school year.

All Chromebooks will continue to be filtered according to local, state, and federal policies and will remain the property of Henry County Schools. **Any devices that are damaged during summer months can be dropped off at the cluster high school based on the following schedule: June 12, June 26, July 10, and July 24 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.** If available, a replacement device will be provided to the student for the remainder of the summer. Although technical support is not available during the summer months, the district will maintain updates and FAQ’s on our district website.

A lost or stolen device or an unexpected move should be reported immediately to the current school.

**No action is necessary to participate in the Summer Chromebook program.** We will simply verify that each student has their assigned device at the end of this year and again when they return in the fall. Fifth grade students will take their device to their new middle school and 8th grade students will take their device to their new high school.

**Students and families who choose not to keep their device over the summer must notify their current school in writing (deadline date will be determined by the school).** This information will be used to establish collection and storage of the device to ensure the same device will be returned to the student in the fall of 2019.

Thank you for considering these changes and for supporting our efforts to provide a seamless technology experience for all Henry County Schools’ students and families. Please reach out to your building principal with any questions.