

Hancock Central School District

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student centered:** We put students first.

September, 2021

Dear Wildcat Parent/Guardian/Caretaker:

The Hancock Central School District has worked diligently to update and increase our available technology for students, faculty and staff. To that end, all enrolled students will receive a school district issued device for use during the 2021-2022 school year.

Students in Grades PreK-1 will use iPads and receive a charger for use with the iPad. Distribution will be accomplished within the classroom by the teacher over the first week of school. Lessons on use and proper care will be provided. Once instruction is complete, students will take the iPads, chargers and headphones home and **leave them at their residence**. Students in Grades PreK-1 will not bring devices to and from home. Mobile carts are available for classroom use during the school day. Devices at home are to facilitate independent practice and, as needed, hybrid or remote learning. Students will receive a guidance document for accessing our Learning Management System, **See Saw**, as well as an FAQ with frequently asked questions and technical support.

For students in Grades 2-6, Chromebooks will be issued, along with a charger. Again, distribution will be accomplished within the classroom by the teacher over the first week of school with lessons on use and proper care provided. Once instruction is complete, students will take the Chromebooks, chargers and headphones home and **leave them at their residence**. Students in Grades 3-6 will not bring devices to and from home. Mobile carts are available for classroom use during the school day. Devices at home are to facilitate independent practice and, as needed, remote learning. Students will receive a guidance document for accessing our Learning Management System, **Schoology**, as well as an FAQ with frequently asked questions and technical support.

Students in Grades 7-12 will also be issued Chromebooks and a charger. Devices for Grades 7-12 students will be distributed on the first day of school in Social Studies classes. Students will receive a guidance document for accessing our Learning Management System, **Schoology**, as well as an FAQ with frequently asked questions and technical support.

For students experiencing internet connectivity challenges, please contact the Hancock Telephone Company at (607) 637-9911. If you are outside of the Hancock Telephone service area, please contact the HS/MS Main Office and we will provide additional support and guidance.

Your child's academic success is of paramount importance. Should you have any questions regarding the distribution of school issued devices, please contact Mrs. Julie Bergman in the HS/MS, (607) 637-1305, or Ms. Jackie Beamer in the Elementary School, (607) 637-1219.

Thank you.

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