



Superintendent's Office

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we mentioned in our most recent update, the WESD provided more than 4,600 Chromebooks to our WESD families last week. We know that not every family was able to take advantage of this opportunity. **For families who did not pick up a Chromebook last week and would still like to borrow one, we will provide a second opportunity on Thursday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.**

Students are utilizing the Chromebooks to meet with their teachers using Google Meet and to work on enrichment activities provided by the teacher. Due to a limited number of devices and, to provide devices for more households, **each family will be limited to one device.** Chromebooks are available to families with students in kindergarten through eighth grade. **In order to use the device, families must have Internet access.** There are several Internet providers offering low cost packages. Options are listed below.

If you have not checked out a Chromebook for your family, you can do so Thursday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

- Families with more than one child, **should pick up a device at the school where their OLDEST child is enrolled.**
- The device must be picked up by the parent or legal guardian.
- The parent/legal guardian must present an ID and contact information will be verified.
- **Please bring a pen or pencil to write with.**
- The parent/legal guardian will sign an agreement prior to receiving the device.
- If possible, bring your child's student ID.
- The device is on loan and will be required to be returned at a later date.

To ensure the health and safety of all, families will be asked to remain in their car or keep a safe distance of six feet if walking to pick up (CDC guidelines).

Internet Options:

Cox - Cox Hotspot Network is open to the public. Here is a map of **hotspots** <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/learn/cox-hotspots.html> in the area. Cox is offering two free months to Connect2Compete (C2C) eligible students. C2C does not have a contract nor installation charge. For more information about this program, check with your school social worker.

Comcast - Comcast offers free Internet to those who qualify during the COVID-19 pandemic. See **announcement** (<https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>).

CenturyLink - Will waive late fees and will not terminate a residential or small business customer's service for the next 60 days due to financial circumstances associated with COVID-19. See **CenturyLink Pledge** (<https://news.centurylink.com/fccpledge>).

If you have questions about the Chromebooks or packets, please email wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2600.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, please email wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2600.

Sincerely,



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