

Explanation of Student Fee for 7th – 12th grade:



1:1 Chromebooks

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, Highland Baptist Christian School will launch a 1:1 Chromebook initiative for all students in grades 7-12. Chromebooks are fast and portable personal computers that will allow students to collaborate and share their work instantly. Chromebooks come equipped with Google's own operating system that uses the Google Chrome web browser and are designed to run Google Apps. HBCS is a Google Apps for Education school, so these devices are a natural fit. Every middle and high school student will be assigned a device for use during the school year and will be allowed to take it home each night. The purpose of this initiative is to use modern technology tools to fully engage students and create a learning environment that fosters critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity.

Benefits of Chromebooks:

- Improve access to technology resources for students, both at school and at home
- Increase the motivation of students, student centered learning, inquiry learning and interactive teaching
- Cloud-based storage eliminates the need for flash drives or other storage devices
- Built in security features, eliminating the need for extra protection from viruses, malware, spyware, etc.
- 8 second start up reduces loss of instructional time and a 9.5 hour battery life means devices should never need to be charged at school

These devices will be leased at a cost of \$200, which is included in the student's annual school fee. The lease package includes the Chromebook, Chrome management system, carrying case, and accident insurance.

More information will be provided prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.