



District Information Technology Office

Township of Union Public Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On February 21, 2018, the Township of Union Public Schools will provide every student at Burnet and Kawameeh Middle Schools with a Chromebook. Students will have access to Chromebooks during the school day in all of their classes. Each student will be assigned a Chromebook for the school year and sign out/in through their homerooms each day.

Before receiving a device, students will have to review a series of informational items and both parents and students will have to sign-off on a Chromebook/Internet agreement contract. This contract can be viewed and approved by the parent through the district Genesis Parent Portal on the district website. If you do not have a parent portal account, you can register for an account on the district website.

If you already have a Genesis Parent Portal account [click here](#) to access. You will need to sign into your Genesis account to access the Chromebook/Internet agreement for approval. Once logged on, the agreement form will be located under the documents tab. Please read the form, and electronically sign off on the agreement. You must agree to the terms of the agreement before your child will be issued a Chromebook.

If you do not have a parent portal account, you can register for an account on the [district website](#). If you need assistance with registering for a Parent Portal account, or have any questions about your Parent Portal account, email Mrs. Hart, at ahart@twpunionschools.org.

If you do not have access to the Parent Portal, you may download a copy of the Chromebook Agreement - it is under the Parents Tab of the district website ([click here](#)). You can also have your child obtain a paper copy of the agreement from the main office.

A Chromebook is a personal computer running Google Chrome OS as its operating system. Chromebooks are designed to be used while connected to the Internet and to support applications that reside on the Web. Chromebooks also have Google products built-in and, within seconds of logging in, students can access their personal Google apps account. The latter point is significant considering that Burnet and Kawameeh are Google apps schools. Each student and member of the faculty and staff has a Google Apps for Education (GAFE) account. GAFE is an integrated communication and collaboration solution, hosted by Google and managed by the Township of Union Public Schools. GAFE presents the ability for the Burnet and Kawameeh students, faculty and staff to communicate, store files and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in real time. A benefit of moving to Chromebooks is the fluid integration of Google products. Students will have complete access to their GAFE account and the numerous assistive tools embedded into each application.

The Township of Union Public School District is excited about this 1:1 program in Burnet and Kawameeh Middle Schools, and the endless possibilities of teaching and learning in a connected world. If you have any questions regarding the 1:1 program, please reach out to me at any time via email ITDepartment2@twpunionschools.org or by phone 908-851-6555.

Sincerely,

Sandra Paul

Director of Information Technology