



Digital Learning has LaunchED at Orange County Public Schools

Frequently Asked Questions

Digital Learning

What is digital learning?

Digital learning is a combination of technology, digital content and instruction used to strengthen a student's learning experience. It helps out students meet the Florida State Standards in order to prepare them for the 21st century workplace.

What is the difference between one-to-one and BYOD?

One-to-one is an initiative to equip every student with a device to grant them access to digital content and instruction. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is an initiative that encourages and permits students to bring their personally-owned device to school in order to access digital content and instruction.

What is the difference between blended and flipped learning?

Blended and flipped learning are combinations of both online and in the classroom learning. In a blended model, students typically interact with new content at school and practice or interact with complementary content online. Flipped learning exposes students to new content online and uses classroom time to apply material in the form of problem-solving or discussion.

How will digital curriculum change teaching and learning in the classroom?

It will make learning more interactive as well as allow for differentiated instruction to meet the individual needs of your child.

Will my child still use paper and pencil?

Yes, your child will still need to use paper and pencil to work out problems, as well as learn handwriting and other necessary skills. Your child will turn in both paper and digital assignments. The digital assignments will be turned in via Edmodo or Drive. Use of paper changes based on your grade level.

Where will my student access their textbooks?

Student textbooks are available in both online and offline formats. Online textbooks are accessible through launch.ocps.net.

Where will my student produce and store work?

Students will produce and store all work in a cloud-based platform such as Google Apps for Education, which offers applications for word processing, presentations, spreadsheets, and more.

How will digital learning impact students with disabilities?

Students with special needs will benefit from having a device to support their Individual Education Plan. Based on their unique learning needs, devices may be equipped or modified to include adaptive software and programs. We ensure accessibility to instructional materials. The staffing specialist will determine what is best for each student based on their unique learning needs.

How will I consent to or opt out of digital learning?

Parents will have the opportunity to consent or opt-out of the Digital Learning Agreement and the Student Technology Responsible and Acceptable Use form at the beginning of the school year or upon enrollment.

Will my child use their device for testing?

Yes, all devices work with the online specifications for the Florida Standards Assessment and classroom assessments.

Where can I find digital learning policies and procedures?

Policies and procedures regarding digital learning can be found at digital.ocps.net.

Who is responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices or peripherals when the laptop is away from school?

Similar to any other instructional material, the student is responsible for

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their device. Teachers will work with students on responsible use and safekeeping of their device. Additionally, each device is equipped with the CompuTrace system, so stolen devices can be disabled and recovered. If loss or theft is suspected, parents should immediately notify OCPS by calling 407.317.3290. Additionally, students should immediately report a lost or stolen device to their teacher. Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine whether they can be repaired and what fee if any should be assessed.

What are the consequences for lost, stolen, or damaged devices or peripherals?

The consequences are outlined in the Digital Learning Agreement.

How do consequences differ for lost or stolen devices?

If a device is lost or stolen, a police report will be filed and an investigation will take place. The findings of the investigation will determine the action taken.

What if I can't pay the fine?

If this is a concern, please speak with your school-based administrator.

How long do I have to pay the fine?

The responsible parties will have ninety calendar days from the date of assessment.

How am I notified if there is a fine?

Currently, students are notified by the school within 10 days of when they are levied with a fine just as they are with library books. Parents may be contacted by administrators if the fine is of a large sum or overdue. Students are responsible for paying all fines prior to withdrawing from school or graduating.

How and where do I pay the fine?

Fines can be paid in the media center by cash or money order made out to the student's school.

How will my child get technical support if they encounter issues?

Students will receive technical support from the school Library Media Specialist and Technology Service Representative during school hours.

How long does the device battery last? What if a student's device battery runs out during the day?

Students are advised to plug in their laptop every evening at home to ensure that it is fully charged each day. When students are not using the device during the day, they will power down their device to conserve its battery life. Classrooms are equipped with electrical outlets for emergency recharging as needed throughout the school day.

What if my student moves or transfers during the school year?

Each laptop is the property of OCPS. If a student moves or changes schools during the school year, the student will need to return the device to the campus within 48 hours. All devices are returned to the campus at the end of each school year.

Can I purchase my student's device upon leaving the school?

Currently, this is not an option.

Will my student get the same device from year to year?

This depends on the school. Speak with your school administration about this option.



