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Mastery Families,

I am excited to announce that next week we will loan out touch screen Chromebook to K-2 students. **K-2 students who do not have a device at home may pick up a computer for students on May 5th and May 6th.** We are requesting that you borrow only one touchscreen Chromebook per family. Communication will come directly from your child's school by Friday, May 1st via ParentSquare, so stay tuned for information about specific dates and times for computer pickup. Attached is an FAQ

Additionally, we will have some Chromebooks to distribute after K-2 distribution is complete. **If your child has not yet received a Mastery Chromebook or if you have more than one student a Mastery school, please contact your school or your child's HAP teacher to request one.** The school will follow-up with you with details.

Finally, at the end of this message are FAQ's about Mastery's Laptop Library Program (we shared in a previous).

Today's updates:

- **Help us Fundraise for Computers**
We need your support to afford the 10,000 computers we are distributing. Please make a donation today, and share our campaign with your networks. A board member has generously agreed to match every dollar contributed through the end of the week. Every dollar helps. **To make a gift:** <https://www.masterycharter.org/DigitalJustice>
- **Home Academic Practice**
Please see the attachment to this email for answers to some Frequently Asked Questions.
- **Refer Students to Mastery**
Do you love Mastery? We love you and your student. Partner with us to grow the Mastery student family by referring friends, members of your community and acquaintances to join the Mastery community as students. Simply click on this link to complete the form: <https://masterycharter.wufoo.com/forms/r20s6n30m15t29/>

We appreciate your support of Mastery!

Scott Gordon
CEO, Mastery Network

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FAQ's – Mastery's Laptop Library Program

What is the Laptop Library Program?

Mastery will loan a Chromebook laptop computer to families of students in grades 3-12, and a touchscreen Chromebook to families of students in grades K-2. We want all students to be able to access our online academic program.

Is this a loan or a giveaway?

The computers will be loaned to families and returned when school re-opens or at the end of the school year (whichever comes first). We are actually removing the computers from our schools to loan them out – so you will be borrowing the same computers that students use in school. You will need to sign a loan agreement for the laptop and will be liable for the cost if the laptop is damaged or lost. The laptops cost \$250.

Is Mastery's program part of the Philadelphia School District or Camden School Districts' programs?

No, Mastery is a public school, but independent from the School District. The Laptop Library is a Mastery only program.

Who is eligible?

Any family who has a current Mastery student in grades K-12 is eligible. Because we don't have enough computers for every individual student, we are requesting that families **borrow only one laptop per family**. In addition, **if your child already has access to a computer at home, please do not borrow a Mastery laptop** – we want to make sure we can get our computers out to those who do not have one.

What is a Chromebook? Do I need internet?

A Chromebook is a computer that uses the internet to run its software – **so you need internet to access the academic resources**. Please do not borrow a Chromebook unless you have internet. If you don't have internet, you can apply for Comcast's Internet Essentials which is free for the next 2 months and \$9.95/month thereafter. [The Comcast Internet Essentials FAQs for Families document here](#) can help you get access.

What do I need in order to pick up a laptop?

A parent or guardian needs to pick up the Chromebook. High school students will be able to pick up laptops without their parent/guardian present, but all students in grades 3-8 must have a parent/guardian. Here's what you need to do:

- [Review and understand responsibilities in the Handbook](#)
- [Sign and bring the permission and financial responsibility agreement forms](#). Forms will also be available to sign at your school.
- Forms must be signed by the student's legal guardian.
- Go to your school on your scheduled day and time.
- Show your ID and place your form on the table. Mastery staff will place a Chromebook and a power cord on the table for you to take.

How can I stay safe when I pick up the laptop?

- Maintain a 6-foot social distance from staff and other students and families during the pick-up process.
- Wear a face mask or scarf or other face covering.
- Please bring a bag or something to store the laptop on your walk or drive home.