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### Chromebooks Offered to K-12 School Families

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - School families in the Houston County School District without a device to participate in digital learning are being offered the opportunity to checkout a Chromebook. Families with K-5 elementary children may pick up a Chromebook this Monday or Tuesday, April 6 or 7. High school and middle school students have already received Chromebooks. Any family with secondary students who missed their school's pickup day may also get a device on April 6 or 7.

As of April 6, district teachers will begin teaching their students online using [Google Classroom](#), a digital learning platform. To interact with their teachers for instruction, assignments and tests, students may use any device that can access the internet. For example, they may connect to Google Classroom with a cell phone, iPod, iPad, Xbox, PlayStation, desktops, and Mac computers.

Any K-12 family without a device that connects to the internet may checkout a Chromebook to use for school during the closure. Due to a limited supply, only one Chromebook is allowed per family for those without a device to connect to the internet.

Deputy Superintendent Cindy Flesher did a callout on April 4 to inform parents about this opportunity. Flesher said, "As we begin to provide instruction online for students through Google Classroom on April 6th, our goal is to ensure that every one of our families has access to technology and the internet to participate in digital learning. By making Chromebooks available for those without a device and sharing information about the options available for free internet service, we are hopeful that all of our K-12 students will participate in the digital classrooms with their teachers and classmates."

To make it more convenient for parents, four distributions are set for at four locations. For safe social distancing, families drive through the bus lane and remain in their car. The schedule follows.

#### Monday, April 6

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. - C.B. Watson Primary School
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Thomson Middle School

#### Tuesday, April 7

- 8:00 -10:00 a.m. - Feagin Mill Middle School
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Langston Road Elementary School

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Addresses for the four school sites follow.

- C.B. Watson Primary - 61 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Warner Robins, GA
- Thomson Middle - 301 Thomson Road, Centerville, GA
- Feagin Mill Middle - 1200 Feagin Mill Road, Warner Robins, GA
- Langston Road Elementary - 315 Langston Road, Perry, GA.

The Chromebooks will allow access to Google Classroom and limited access to other learning sites. The device has the same security filters used at school, to include disabled video gaming and streaming.

During the pickup, families are also provided a [flyer listing free internet options](#) offered in this area. This information is also posted on the district and school websites, on the [eLearning webpage](#) which has been created in response to this closure.

Governor Kemp's office gave permission to continue distributing devices during the shelter in place order because it is essential.

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