

Q: What types of technology does Hanford Christian use?

A: In grades K-5, each classroom is equipped with an interactive projector. Teachers use this tool to engage students in classroom lessons and learning. Students also have access to a computer lab outfitted with Chromeboxes. The junior high students are each issued a Chromebook that can be taken home.

Q: What is a Chromebook?

A: A Chromebook is a laptop that runs on the Chrome OS, developed by Google. The laptops are quick and easy to load because they do not use any installed applications. Students are able to log in to the Chromebook with their given Google Apps for Education login.

Q: Can my student bring a device from home to use in the classroom?

A: Currently, we do not allow student devices to be used in the classroom unless the teacher gives specific permission to do so.

Q: What type of filtering does Hanford Christian School provide?

A: Being able to prevent malicious or inappropriate sites from loading onto student computers is crucial. Hanford Christian School uses a web content filter called ZyWall. This content filter allows the school to block sites placed in certain categories. The filter is very strict, but certain sites can be unblocked by administration. Teachers will preview websites that will be used for appropriate content before showing them to students.

Obviously, nothing is completely safe and secure. We also teach students personal responsibility and strategies if they come across something inappropriate, as this is more likely to occur without a web filter.

Q: Does the filtering work on the Chromebooks at home?

A: Our current web filter only applies when students are connected to the school's network. When a school device is brought home, only the filtering on your home network will apply. We would be more than happy to discuss how you can better protect your children's use of technology at home.