BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Technology Department

FACT SHEET –Chromebook Pilot Study

For additional information, contact your
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Chromebook Pilot Study

What is a pilot study or pilot program in technology?
A pilot study is an experimental trial of a particular technology that is under consideration for wider-scale use in the district.

What criteria must be met?
While exact criteria will vary based on the specifics of a proposal, most pilot programs must:
- support the school district's vision, mission and educational goals;
- meet a need that is currently not being met; and
- propose a sustainable technology that could be used with a larger audience.

Who is participating in the Fall 2013 Chromebook pilot?
Staff at Bainbridge High School (BHS) and Woodward Middle School (WMS) approached the Technology Department about a pilot of Chromebooks in Spring 2013. Staff were searching for a device that:
- could be used for Internet research;
- could be used for document and presentation creation;
- could be used for collaboration and communication;
- could be used for learning, instruction and assessment;
- could be used to improve the school's student to device ratio;
- had battery life that could last most or all of the school day;
- had a keyboard; and
- had a management system that would be efficient and reasonable within existing staff and network resources.

How was this funded?
BHS funded the pilot of 64 Chromebooks from their school allotment of student computers from the 2010 Technology Levy. WMS purchased 32 Chromebooks from their Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding and 20 Chromebooks with a Bainbridge School Foundation (BSF) grant. Ordway's PTO funded the purchase of 15 Chromebooks.

How will the district know if a pilot program should be expanded?
The pilot program will include the collection of relevant data to inform the district of the feasibility of expanding the use of the technology. The Chromebook pilots will run from September – November 2013 with survey data collected from students and staff in November. The Technology Department staff and the Technology Leadership Team will review the information and determine future use of the technology under consideration.