



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## INTRODUCING THE SFDR CISD CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE

Elementary students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade returned to school this year with a new start, new supplies, and well over 4,000 new Chromebooks laptops thanks to an instructional technology initiative that was approved by the Board of Trustees this past summer. District leaders have always known that training, planning, support and the integration of instructional technology can be an essential tool in teaching and learning.

With the assistance of federal funds, the District developed a strategic plan to provide professional development for teachers on blended learning, Google platforms, and other software programs that would support innovative teaching and learning in the classroom on a daily basis.

Earlier this month, classroom sets of Chromebooks began making their way to classrooms across each campus districtwide. Classrooms are being equipped with a charging cart and sufficient devices for every student. The district's Technology Department has already made their way Buena Vista, Dr. Lonnie Green, North Heights Elementary and Robert "Bobby" Barrera Elementary STEM Magnet schools. Plans to complete the programming and delivery of the remaining campuses is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks.

SFDR CISD plans to activate Phase Two of the Chromebook Initiative next month just after completion of the Phase One. An estimated 130 classrooms in the middle school (6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>) grades will be receiving the laptops.

### **How Chromebooks will be used in the Classroom:**

- Implementation of interactive presentations using Google Classroom.
- Access to the ELAR curriculum.
- Access StemScopes lessons for Science.
- Access to interactive lesson engagement for Math.
- Students can access and take Accelerated Reader (AR) every day.
- Students can gain access to software to help support remediation and acceleration such as Education Galaxy, K-12 Summer and Read Naturally.

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