CHROMEBOOK CART BEST PRACTICES

INSIGHTS FOR TRANSITIONING TO STAY-IN-SCHOOL DEVICES

1. DEVICE COUNT PLANNING

You'll likely need more devices than students. (Example: 180 students, largest class size 30 = 240 Chromebooks.

2. CART SIZE & LOCATION

- Buy for future growth—larger carts may save you later!
- Check wall space and outlet location before ordering.
- No space? Use secure countertop charging stations (away from sinks!).
- Avoid placing carts on unstable or mobile surfaces.

3. CHARGING & CABLES

Choose carts with:

- Intelligent charging to prevent overload
- Surge protection for safety
- · Cable management or pre-installed cables
- · Easy-access power strips for maintenance

4. LOCKING & DURABILITY

Keyed vs. Combination Locks

- · Keys are simple, but easy to lose
- Combos eliminate keys but cost more and may limit options
- Choose strong metal carts and test locks plastic doesn't hold up.

5. MOBILITY & DESIGN

- Read the reviews! Broken wheels are common.
- Locking casters = safety
- · Good ventilation prevents overheating

6. COMPATIBILITY MATTERS

- · Shelf spacing must fit devices with cases
- Ensure charger ports match—USB-C preferred
- Universal carts = more flexibility with brands and models

7. COST & WARRANTY

- · Compare prices but prioritize quality
- Install? Plan for the added cost
- · Choose carts with multi-year warranties
- Consider replacing weak cables with stronger alternatives

8. CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Teacher training is key!



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