

David Escobar <david@aniva.us>

#### Public Information Act Request - AACPS Response - David Escobar

**PIA Request** <PIARequest@aacps.org>
To: "david@thecivicledger.com" <david@thecivicledger.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2025 at 4:24 PM

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David Escobar

Delivered via email to: david@thecivicledger.com

Dear David Escobar:

This communication is in response to your requests for records under the Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article (GP) §4-101, *et seq.* (PIA), seeking "records, limited to February 1, 2023, to the present" as follows:

1. <u>Request</u>: "Legal Memos or Advisory Opinions - Documents from or for CSPES, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, or their legal counsel analyzing: Fourth Amendment implications of the BYOD policy • Student device searches and seizures • Monitoring or surveillance of student-owned devices • References to New Jersey v. T.L.O., Riley v. California, or the unconstitutional conditions doctrine"

Response: Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) does not have a BYOD policy. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request. Please note that CSPES is a charter school and is run independently from AACPS. To the extent CSPES has any records responsive to this request, your request must be denied pursuant to § 4-301 of the PIA as such records would be protected as confidential and privileged.

2. <u>Request</u>: "CIPA Compliance Documentation - Memos, legal opinions, or internal communications discussing compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) in relation to the BYOD policy - Technology plans, filtering strategies, or cybersecurity measures cited as required by CIPA - Documents evaluating alternatives to mandatory device configuration for CIPA compliance"

<u>Response</u>: AACPS does not have a BYOD policy. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request.

3. Request: "Internal Device Configuration and Monitoring Policies - SOPs, technical guidelines, or internal policies detailing device configuration, including deletion of local files, enrollment in Google Workspace for Education, and installation of monitoring tools like GoGuardian - Procedures for administrator or IT access to student-owned devices after configuration, including monitoring and remote management tools - Policies defining what

data is collected from student-owned devices, data retention periods, authorized personnel, and rules for sharing data with third parties"

Response: AACPS does not configure nor install any programs on student-owned devices. AACPS provides AACPS-owned devices to students. The policy governing AACPS-owned devices is Policy DI and may be found here. The regulation governing AACPS-owned devices is Regulation DI-RA and may be found here. In addition, there is information set forth in the AACPS Student Handbook related to the use of AACPS technology-related resources. The Student Handbook may be found here.

4. <u>Request</u>: "Incident Response Plans and Incident Reports - Incident response plans or protocols related to security breaches, student misconduct, or device misuse under the BYOD policy - Reports of actual incidents involving misuse, abuse, or security breaches under the BYOD policy - Internal communications regarding incident handling, investigations, and notifications to parents or legal authorities"

<u>Response</u>: AACPS does not have a BYOD policy. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request.

5. Request: "Monitoring Limitations, Access Controls, and Oversight Policies - Documents outlining limits on staff, administrators, or contractors for device monitoring or data collection on student-owned devices - Internal policies, training materials, or staff guidelines addressing appropriate monitoring actions and restrictions - Assessments or audits reviewing staff compliance with monitoring rules and data privacy protections"

<u>Response</u>: AACPS does not monitor or collect data from student-owned devices. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request.

6. <u>Request</u>: "Technology Risk Assessments and Privacy Impact Analyses - Risk assessments, data privacy impact assessments (DPIAs), or other reviews evaluating legal, ethical, or security risks of the BYOD policy and related monitoring technologies - Records evaluating the scope of student and family data collected under the policy"

Response: AACPS does not have a BYOD policy. AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request related to "the BYOD policy." With respect to any "risk assessments, data privacy impact assessments (DPIAs), or other reviews evaluating legal, ethical, or security risks" related to AACPS "monitoring technologies," to the extent there are any records responsive to your request, your request must be denied pursuant to: 1) § 4-301 of the PIA as such records would be protected as confidential and privileged; and § 4-338 of the PIA since such records would contain information about the security of an information system.

7. <u>Request</u>: "Governance Board and Administrative Deliberations - Governance Board meeting minutes, presentations, or voting records related to BYOD policy approval - Agenda packets or discussion documents from board meetings about the policy - Internal memos or briefings for board members regarding the policy"

Response: AACPS does not have a BYOD policy. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request.

8. <u>Request</u>: "Vendor Contracts and Technical Agreements - Contracts, purchase agreements, or MOUs with technology vendors (e.g., Google, GoGuardian) for device management, monitoring, filtering, licensing, or configuration tools"

Response: AACPS' agreement with Microsoft will be sent to you shortly in a separate email.

9. <u>Request</u>: "Parent Communication Drafts and Messaging Strategy Documents - Draft letters, FAQs, or notices regarding the BYOD policy - Internal emails or memos discussing parent communication plans Scope Limits: This request covers only records from central offices, including CSPES administration, AACPS Legal Office, and the Board of Education. It excludes records from individual teachers or classroom staff."

<u>Response</u>: AACPS does not have a BYOD policy. As such, AACPS does not have any records responsive to your request. Please note that CSPES is a charter school and is run independently from AACPS. The records CSPES provided in response to this request are attached to this email.

In the event you disagree with any determination by AACPS regarding this PIA request, you have the right to seek review by the Maryland Public Access Ombudsman, in accordance with GP §4-1B-01 through §4-1B-04. You may contact the Ombudsman by email at PIA.Ombuds@oag.state.md.us, by phone at 410-576-6560, or by mail at the Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202. Under GP §4-362, you also have the right to file a complaint in Circuit Court requesting a review of this decision.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-222-5306 or by email at piarequest@aacps.org.

Sincerely,

Debra Yerg Daniel

Associate Counsel

Office of General Counsel

DYD/jms

From: Thrillshare <no-reply@thrillshare.com>

Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 1:11 PM

To: PIA Request <PIARequest@AACPS.org>

Subject: Public Information Act Request - new submission

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Hey piarequest@aacps.org,

Public Information Act Request in Anne Arundel County Public Schools has received a new submission. You can view the submission below and download the copy attached to this email.

View in Thrillshare

First Name: David

Last Name: Escobar

Complete Mailing Address:

Email: david@thecivicledger.com

Phone Number:

Specifically, describe or identify the records that you are requesting.: This request seeks the following records, limited to February 1, 2023, to the present: 1. Legal Memos or Advisory Opinions - Documents from or for CSPES, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, or their legal counsel analyzing: • Fourth Amendment implications of the BYOD policy • Student device searches and seizures • Monitoring or surveillance of student-owned devices • References to New Jersey v. T.L.O., Riley v. California, or the unconstitutional conditions doctrine 2. CIPA Compliance Documentation - Memos, legal opinions, or internal communications discussing compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) in relation to the BYOD policy - Technology plans, filtering strategies, or cybersecurity measures cited as required by CIPA - Documents evaluating alternatives to mandatory device configuration for CIPA compliance 3. Internal Device Configuration and Monitoring Policies - SOPs, technical guidelines, or internal policies detailing device configuration,

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As allowable under §4-206 (b) of the Act, a custodian may "charge a reasonable fee for search for, preparation of, and reproduction of a public record." : I am requesting that fees be waived of fees requested.

Maximum Fee Willing to Pay:

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#### 6 attachments



Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School Mail - Document shared with you\_\_BYOD FAQ\_.pdf

Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School Mail - Fwd\_ More Information about BYOD.pdf 210K

Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School Mail - Hello BYOD packets.pdf 649K

CSPES Chromebook Communication June 2025.docx.pdf 333K

PIA Requestr.pdf 5757K

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What are the benefits of a BYOD program?

Cost Efficiency: Reduces the financial burden on the school as students use their own devices. Customized Learning: Students can tailor their educational tools to their personal learning styles.

Enhanced Engagement: Familiarity with personal devices can increase student engagement and efficiency.

Parental Involvement: Easier for parents to monitor and engage in their child's learning. Real-World Skills: Helps students develop digital literacy and technology skills needed in the workforce.

#### What is BYOD? What do parents need to do?

#### How will my child be using the device during the school day?

Students should use the registered devices to complete activities in class, complete homework, collaborate in real time, research projects, access Web sites with curriculum-related content, keep track of classroom assignments or record journal entries and other approved instructional activities.

#### What about security/theft/damage?

Devices are the sole responsibility of the student. CLF/CSP/CMIT accepts no responsibility for the security or safety of the device. Students are responsible for the protection of the device. Teachers and other staff will not store or hold onto devices. School technology staff or teachers will not support, repair, or troubleshoot student devices.

#### What is the policy on charging personally owned devices while at school?

It is recommended that devices come to school with a full charge. Students should be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their device during the school day.

#### What applications/software will be used in the classroom?

Schools do not provide or require applications or software for personally owned devices. Classroom lessons will be tailored for the technology that all students can access. If possible, a student may choose to complete the same lesson on his/her personal device.

#### What happens if the device breaks while in school?

The student will put the device away and take it home at the end of the school day and then the student and parent can troubleshoot the device. Schools have limited resources and cannot provide comprehensive support for the wide variety of devices allowed under this program. The school may provide a loaner device for the day in emergencies.

#### Will the device be protected with Internet content filtering?

To facilitate instruction and practice Internet safety, CLF schools' Internet connection is protected by an Internet content filter.

#### **Optional Rental Program**

Devices are available for \$100 per year (waived for free and reduced-price lunch recipients). Students are responsible for the proper care and use of rental devices. Device damage will be assessed at the end of each school year, and students may be charged for any damage incurred.

#### Why is the school not providing devices as it used to?

For the last three years, the purchase of Chromebooks has been funded through ESSER grants, federal funds provided to public schools due to the pandemic, which is expiring in 2024. Moreover, Maryland has changed its funding formula for public schools with the Blueprint for Maryland law. The new law has caused a 12% loss in funding for CSP, a loss of over \$2 million dollars in the annual budget. The BYOD program and other measures will allow the school to save significant expenses and continue offering its current programs with no cuts.

#### **Recommended Device:**

The school will list a number of recommended devices annually.



#### Sarah Schlegel < sschlegel@mycsp.org>

#### Document shared with you: "BYOD FAQ"

1 message

Tabatha Camacho (via Google Docs) <drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 12:53 PM

Reply-To: Tabatha Camacho <tcamacho@mycsp.org>

To: sschlegel@mycsp.org

## Tabatha Camacho shared a document



Tabatha Camacho (tcamacho@mycsp.org) has invited you to **edit** the following document:



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Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA You have received this email because tcamacho@mycsp.org shared a document with you from Google Docs.

Google Workspace



#### Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>

#### **Fwd: More Information about BYOD**

1 message

Fatih Can <fcan@mycsp.org>
To: Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>

Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 1:34 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Tabatha Camacho <tcamacho@mycsp.org>

Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 6:45AM
Subject: More Information about BYOD
To: Derrell Owens <a href="mailto:downs@mycsp.org">downs@mycsp.org</a>>

Cc: Jason Karabulut < jkarabulut@clfmd.org >, Fatih Can < fcan@mycsp.org >

Hey Derrell, Thanks for your help yesterday!

Here is more information about the BYOD that I shared with families today. This will help them pick an appropriate device. Sharing in case you would like to use.

#### Q Device Recommendations for CSP Families Q

Many parents have asked for recommended devices for their students. The most important requirement is that the Chromebook must still be eligible for updates. You can check the update availability for Chromebooks here: https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/6220366?sjid=2181313923428552580-NA#zippy=% 2Chp:~:text=Chromebook%2011%20G9,Jun%202031

We **highly recommend the models we use at school** as they tend to be a bit more durable for student use:

#### Recommended Models:

- HP 11 G9 11" Chromebook TechToSchool: https://techtoschool.com/products/hp-11-g9-11-chromebook?srsltid= AfmBOor5K4IYDY5b2BR0Vqwplfr8xKKlsMPtQPcDZ6FANVU0DqhUROky
- HP Chromebook 11.6" Touchscreen Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/HP-Chromebook-11-6-Touchscreen-Dual-core/dp/B09JFF1S3X
- HP Chromebook 11 G9 EE Best Buy: https://www.bestbuy.com/site/hp-chromebook-11-g9-ee-11-6-chromebook-intel-celeron-4-gb-memory-32-gb-emmc-black/6495100.p?skuld=6495100

#### Other Suitable Options:

- HP Chromebook 14" Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/HP-Chromebook-Processor-Lightweight-14a-na0021nr/dp/B08YKGZF7P/
- Lenovo 100e Chromebook Gen 4 CDW: https://www.cdw.com/product/lenovo-100e-chromebook-gen-4-11.6-mediatek-kompanio-520-4-gb-ram-3/7377715
- Lenovo 300e Chromebook Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Lenovo-300e-Chromebook-82J9000LUS-Touchscreen/dp/B09JL3ZB2P

Make sure to pick a device that continues to receive updates for the best learning experience! #



#### Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>

#### **Hello BYOD packets**

2 messages

Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>
To: Kayla Crawford <kcrawford@mycsp.org>
Cc: Tabatha Camacho <tcamacho@mycsp.org>

Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:07 PM

Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:10 PM

Hi,

Can you please put counts of 25 in each homeroom teacher's mailbox (grades K-5)?

Can you also get a list of which PK students are coming to us so that they can have one sent home with their name on it?

They are copied and on the ledge in your office area.



#### Sarah Schlegel

Assistant Principal www.mycspes.org



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**Kayla Crawford** <a href="mailto:kcrawford@mycsp.org">kcrawford@mycsp.org</a> To: Sarah Schlegel <a href="mailto:sschlegel@mycsp.org">sschlegel@mycsp.org</a>

Cc: Tabatha Camacho <tcamacho@mycsp.org>

Hi,

Yes, will do.

Kayla Crawford Secretary At Chesapeake Science Point Elementary School Office- 443-889-3919 Fax- 443-883-3922 Google voice- 443-599-9470

"All you need is Faith, Trust & a little Pixie-Dust"- Tinker Bell

[Quoted text hidden]

#### Dear CSPES Families,

I am writing to inform you of an important change regarding student devices for the 2025-2026 school year. Due to recent budget constraints, Chesapeake Science Point Elementary will be implementing a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy**. This means that all students will need to bring their own Chromebook for use both at school and at home. We are unable to provide school-issued devices for every student as we have in previous years. However, a limited number of devices will be available to rent at a cost of \$100 per year, which may be waived for students with a documented financial need. If you are interested in renting a Chromebook for the 25-26 school year, please complete this form as soon as possible.

The BYOD policy was approved by the Governance Board in February 2024. We understand that this change may cause frustration for some families, particularly regarding the limitations on school-issued Chromebooks. Many families hoped to use these devices for both personal and school purposes, but our policies are designed to ensure compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). CIPA mandates that schools protect students from harmful online content, and our managed devices use tools like Google and GoGuardian to maintain appropriate filtering and monitoring. This helps keep students focused on educational activities and provides a safer online environment.

There are advantages to our current managed device policy:

- Enhanced Security and Protection: Managed devices ensure that students are protected from harmful content and reduce the risk of vulnerabilities.
- Focus on Educational Use: Limiting the device to school-related activities helps maintain a strong focus
  on learning.

While we understand the desire for a device that can be used for both personal and school purposes, managed school devices help us better protect students and ensure they are used appropriately for learning.

Please review the FAQ found below for more information about the BYOD Program, including benefits, security details, and recommended devices.

We understand that this transition may bring challenges, but we appreciate your understanding and support in continuing to provide the best educational environment for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your partnership.

Warm regards,

Tabatha Camacho Principal, Chesapeake Science Point Elementary

#### **FAQs**

#### **BYO Device Program & Chromebook Configuration**

#### Q- What are the benefits of a BYOD Program?

Cost Efficiency: Reduces the financial burden on the school as students use their own devices.

Customized Learning: Students can tailor their educational tools to their personal learning styles.

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Parental Involvement: Easier for parents to monitor and engage in their child's learning.

Real-World Skills: Helps students develop digital literacy and technology skills needed in the workforce.

#### Q- What is BYOD? What do parents need to do?

BYOD is a Bring Your Own Device program. Parents should provide a portable electronic device such as a Chromebook or Laptop for use at school and at home.

#### Q- Why does my device need to be configured by the school?

A- CSPES is using Google's management platform for student emails, devices, and apps. The main purpose of this registration is authorizing your device for our network and deploying the testing applications to your device. Without this configuration, your device won't be able to connect to our school Wi-Fi and your student won't have access to computer-based assessments and assignments.

#### Q- What happens if the device breaks while my child is at school?

The student will put the device away and take it home at the end of the school day and then the student and parent can troubleshoot the device. Schools have limited resources and cannot provide comprehensive support for the wide variety of devices allowed under this program. The school may provide a loaner device for the day in emergencies.

#### **Q-Limited Rentals Available**

A limited number of devices are available for \$100 per school year (may be waived for families with a documented financial need). Students are responsible for the proper care and use of rental devices. Device damage will be assessed at the end of each school year, and students will be charged for any damage incurred. If you are interested in renting a Chromebook for the 25-26 school year, please complete this form as soon as possible.

#### Q- Why isn't the school providing devices like it has in past school years?

For the last three years, the purchase of Chromebooks has been funded through ESSER grants, federal funds provided to public schools due to the pandemic, which is expiring in 2024. Moreover, Maryland has changed its funding formula for public schools with the Blueprint for Maryland law. The new law has caused a 12% loss in funding for CSP, a loss of over \$2 million dollars in the annual

budget. The BYOD program and other measures will allow the school to save significant expenses and continue offering its current programs with no cuts.

#### Q- Should I save my Google Drive files to another place before bringing them for configuration?

A- No, only save your local data. This configuration won't affect your Google Drive files.

!!! Important !!! -- Please save your local data to another device, external drive or Google Drive before bringing your device for configuration. Since your device will be configured and registered to the school domain, the local files will be deleted automatically.

#### Q- After configuration will my device be connected to the school Wi-Fi automatically?

A- Yes, your device will be connected to the school Wi-Fi automatically and school-based apps will be installed to your device.

#### Q- After configuration, will I be able to use this device with my home Wi-Fi?

A- Yes, you can connect your device to your home Wi-Fi.

#### Q- After configuration will there be any restrictions on my device?

A- No, there won't be any restriction on your device.

#### Q- After configuration, should I only use my "mycsp" email for this device?

A- No, there will be no restriction on your device. You can use your personal email, too.

#### Q- Can I bring my Windows/Mac laptop or tablet device for configuration?

A- No, your device has to be a Chrome OS system operated device. Windows, Mac, Android and IOS devices are not compatible with the school.

#### Q- Are students allowed to use personal Windows/Mac laptops or tablet devices at school?

A- No, your device has to be a Chrome OS device and configured by the school.

#### Q- Who will be responsible in case of any repair or replacement needs for my device?

A- You will be responsible for your device. We recommend purchasing a durable Chromebook and we also suggest purchasing a robust accidental damage plan from your retailer of choice to cover potential damage to the Chromebook. You also may consider purchasing a case. Students are expected to have their Chromebook during their entire enrollment here at our school.

#### Q- Will there be any fee for this configuration?

A- No. CSP will provide the Chromebook licenses and it will be free.

## **Chesapeake Science Point Elementary School**

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#### Q- If I want to purchase a new device, is there any specific brand or model that I need to purchase?

A- No. Our system is compatible with all chrome OS devices which are currently on the market. But we recommend you to purchase a newer model. Many brands make Chromebooks, you may decide which is best for your student. See device recommendations below.

#### Q- Is this configuration permanent?

A- Your device will stay configured while your child is a CSP student. Configuration will be removed when your child graduates from CSP.

#### Q- How long does the configuration take?

A- Approximately 10 – 15 minutes.

## Q Device Recommendations for CSP Families Q

Many parents have asked for recommended devices for their students. The most important requirement is that the Chromebook must still be eligible for updates. You can check the update availability for Chromebooks here.

We highly recommend the models we use at school as they tend to be a bit more durable for student use:

#### Recommended Models:

- HP 11 G9 11" Chromebook TechToSchool
- HP Chromebook 11.6" Touchscreen Amazon

## Other Suitable Options:

- HP Chromebook 14" Amazon
- Lenovo 100e Chromebook Gen 4 CDW
- Lenovo 300e Chromebook Amazon

Make sure to pick a device that continues to receive updates for the best learning experience! A A A A



#### Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>

#### Chesapeake Science Point Elementary

1 message

Chesapeake Science Point Elementary <csp-es@users.smore.com>

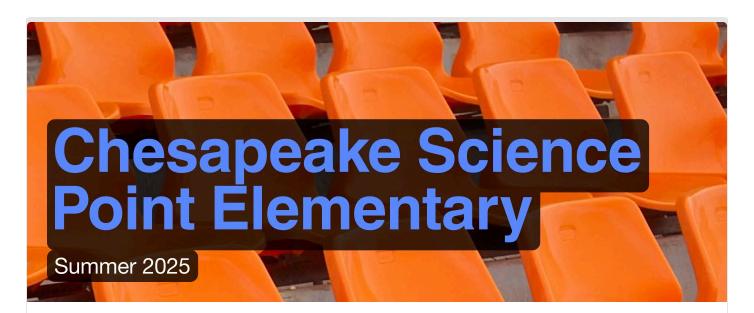
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To: Sarah Schlegel <sschlegel@mycsp.org>

Fri, Aug 8, 2025 at 10:28 AM

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## **Message from The Principal**

Dear CSPES Families.

The countdown is on—our Tigers are just days away from returning for another amazing school year! I hope you've enjoyed a summer filled with rest, adventure, and family time.

Our staff has been hard at work preparing classrooms, planning engaging lessons, and setting the stage for a year where we *Try Everything* and continue to be *Unstoppable*. This year promises exciting learning opportunities, new friendships, and memories in the making.

In this newsletter you will find a few important updates before we open our door.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us start the year strong. Let's make this another year of learning, growing, and shining together.

I can't wait to welcome our Tigers back!

With excitement.

#### **Tabatha Camacho**

Principal, Chesapeake Science Point Elementary

### Hit that subscribe button!

Make sure you subscribe so that you will receive our newsletter automatically!

## **Mandatory Parent Action Needed**

As a Public Charter school, so much depends on funding. ALL parents MUST complete the county free and reduced meals form. Please get a head start and fill it out now <u>HERE</u>

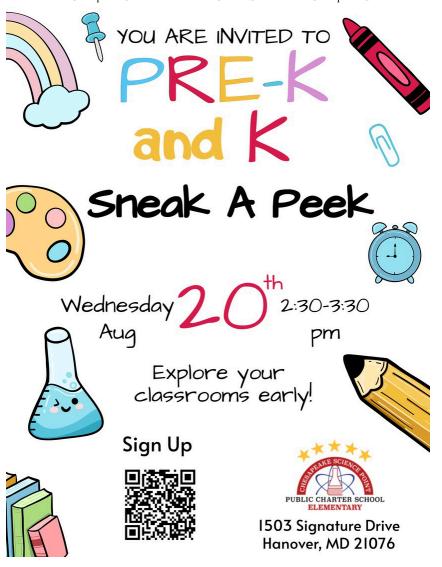
## We hope to see you there!

We need your help welcoming back out staff! Please come and cheer them on in our Homecoming parade. Please park in the back of building 1 at the Enrichment entrance.



CSPES HOCO SZN 25'-26'
HELP US WELCOME BACK OUR STAFF
WEAR YOUR SPIRIT GEAR, AND COME
TO CHEER
AUGUST 15, 2025- 7:50 AM







### We Follow the AACPS Calendar

As an AACPS Public Charter school, we follow the AACPS school calendar. You can find it HERE

## From the PTO

## **Help us Welcome Back Our Teachers**

We're gearing up for a fun Welcome Back Breakfast for our amazing teachers and staff on Friday, August 15th, and we need YOUR help to make it a success!

This breakfast is our way of showing appreciation and kicking off the new school year with energy and team spirit—and we can't do it without our PTO dream team!

How you can help:

Donate food or supplies

Assist with set-up

Serve food & drinks

Help with clean-up



Whether you can give an hour or more, every little bit helps!

Thank you for being part of such a supportive and spirited community! Let's make this a breakfast to remember!

https://www.cspespto.com/events/teacher-staff-welcome-back-breakfast?fbclid=
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#### **Design Contest**

Do you love to draw, dream big, and spread positivity? Now's your chance to shine! We're looking for an awesome t-shirt design for this year's CSPES Color Fun Run, and your artwork could be the winner!

What to include in your design:

- The letters CSPES
- · A fun and encouraging message to inspire your classmates for the school year
- Lots of school spirit and creativity!

#### **T-Shirt Specs:**

The shirts will be white, and your design will be printed in one color—bright orange. So make sure your design looks great in orange!

The winning design will be printed on this year's Color Fun Run shirts for the whole school to wear—how cool is that? Designs might be adjusted slightly for printing purposes.

Deadline: August 30, 2025

Submit your design to: fundraising@cspespto.com

We can't wait to see your amazing ideas. Let your imagination run wild—just like we will at the Color Fun Run.

#### -CSPES PTO

## Pik My Kid

First HOMEWORK assignment of the year goes to the PARENTS!

Please review the slide linked below and complete all 3 tasks to ensure that you're prepared to use PikMyKid and are able to support the efficiency of our car loop.

Pro Tips:

All adults remain inside the car

Your child/ren should be able to easily exit and enter your car on the driver's side (please move car seats to accommodate this procedure if possible)

Your child's backpack & belongings should be in the car, NOT the trunk

Families with PK students only will not use PMK and will drop off behind the second building (watch the video)

Families with PK students & K-6 students will use the carloop first at both pick up and drop off (watch the video)

Be patient with our staff, students, and other families. The carloop takes about 6 weeks to be operating as smooth as possible. Plan for about 20 minutes of wait time during the first few weeks of the school year. As our youngest students and newest families adjust to new routines and a new school, the car line will move slower than usual.

https://docs.google.com/.../18iRmZ8srdgm8x8VDioGO.../edit...



# Make sure you have all the supplies you need for the school year!



25-26 Chesapeake Science Point Elementary- Supply List.pdf

Check out our school supply list for the 2025-202 school year!

**Download** 

79.4 KB

#### **Chromebooks**

As previously shared, we want to remind you about an important change coming next school year (25-26) regarding our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. Please take a few minutes to review the below document, which outlines everything you need to know.

A limited number of school-owned Chromebooks will be available, and families interested must complete the survey linked in the attachment.

For families choosing to personal Chromebook, CSPES IT staff will configure devices free of charge through a brief 10–15 minute appointment that you can schedule starting in August. Additional details about scheduling appointments will be shared later this summer.

We believe most of your questions will be answered in the attachment, but please don't hesitate to reach out if you need further assistance. A hard copy of this information will also be sent home with your child via their homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your support,

#### CSPES BYOD 25-26

Please visit the following link to sign up to get your personal chromebook added to our network... <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C44A9AF2FA5FD0-57797896-chromebook">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C44A9AF2FA5FD0-57797896-chromebook</a>

## Want to help us get ready for the new school year?

Consider donating an item on our Amazon Wishlist. Items needed include Back to school Pep rally support, and birthday celebration items... <a href="https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/204K1JUSN1S0T?">www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/204K1JUSN1S0T?</a> <a href="https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/204K1JUSN1S0T?">www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/204K1JUSN1S0T?</a>

## We always have plenty of lost and found items!

Looking for a way to make sure your kid can keep up with all of their belongings? Check out these labels for clothing and other items! Visit <a href="www.stickymonkeylabels.com">www.stickymonkeylabels.com</a>, enter the code CSPE at checkout and the school will receive 20% of your purchase to go toward providing amazing opportunities for our students!



## **Uniforms**

As you know, CSPES is a uniform school. All uniform tops, jackets, sweaters, and PE gear MUST be purchased from Flynn O Hara (<a href="www.flynnohara.com">www.flynnohara.com</a>). You can purchase online or in store. For the upcoming year, students in kindergarten through 5th grade will wear the elementary polos and colors. Students in 6th grade can wear either elementary uniform items or CSP Middle/High Items. Bottoms can be purchased from anywhere. Shoes MUST follow the guidelines outlined below. For more information, please visit our website or contact Ms. Camacho at <a href="mailto:tcamacho@mycsp.org">tcamacho@mycsp.org</a>.

#### A Shoe Guide for this School Year.

Here is a quick rundown of the shoe expectations for this year. Shoes must be predominantly black, and the only accent color should be white. If you have trouble finding shoes that fit this guideline, please let me know, and I will send you options in your child's size.



#### Do you need bus service?

Please visit <a href="https://www.cec.clfportal.org">https://www.cec.clfportal.org</a>



## Need after school care?

Visit the following link for information about our in-house after care program... <a href="https://clfmd.org/enrichment/">https://clfmd.org/enrichment/</a>

## **Spiritwear**

## Tired of regular spirit wear? Check out these additional items!

http://www.thegiftusa.com/cspes



## Want another spirit wear option?

Check out this Spirit store and get some CSPES Swagg!

https://mjsthoughtfuldesignzllc.com/collections/cheapeake-science-point-spirit-gear

## Interested in Being A Guest Teacher? We'd love to have you!

https://www.aacps.org/page/frequently-asked-questions will provide you with all the necessary information and steps on how to become a substitute teacher. If you have further questions please reach out to Ms. Canapp <a href="mailto:TCanapp@mycsp.org">TCanapp@mycsp.org</a>



Help earn cash for CSPES!



Join me in earning cash for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love!

Use this referral code SC09027D when you sign up and you'll get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2025, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app here: <a href="https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\_code=SC09027D">https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\_code=SC09027D</a>

## **Support Our Fantastic Arts Teachers**

Ms. Hobbs music Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1TXYXCKH0EFRQ?ref =wl share

Ms. Tippin's Art Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13RN8U5MIGPP2?ref =wl fv le

## **Always Available!!!**

CSPES has it's own Planet Aid box. Please use our Planet Aid box to donate your used clothing and small home textiles. This convenient donation box isn't going anywhere. That means you can continue to donate over the summer.



## **Need Help?**

Need support? Here is who to contact!

- Enrichment: Ms. Virgil I <u>enrichment@clfmd.org</u>
- Busing: Ms. Trish Canapp I tcanapp@mycsp.org or Ms. Sarah Schlegel I sschlegel@mycsp.org
- Healthroom: Ms. Patty Stocker, RN I <a href="https://hdstoc00@aacounty.org">hdstoc00@aacounty.org</a>
- Student Records & Enrollment: Ms. Stacey Joyner I sjoyner@mycsp.org



## CSP Elementary School https://mycspes.org/

Contact Subscribe

Chesapeake Science Point Elementary Public Charter School (CSP Elementary) is modeled after Chesapeake Science Point (CSP). CSP is the best charter high school in Anne Arundel County and Best Ranked in Maryland, US News. Like CSP, CSP Elementary will be operated by Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation (CLF) and governed by the CSP Board. The technology focus is intended to expose and instill innovation and creativity in elementary school students through coding, robotics, virtual reality by means of technology integration, small group learning, experiential learning, and hands-on inquiry.

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