





ICS 1:1 Laptop Program



An introductory presentation
for parents and students

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Objectives for today

- **Overview of program goals and rationale**
- **Logistics of the program: what to expect**
- **Student & Parent expectations**
- **Some advice and guidelines**
- **Questions and answers**
- **Information to take home**
- **What next**



Rationale: *Why laptops? Why 1:1?*

- 1:1 is *qualitatively* different from 5:1 or 4:1
- Established program
 - Australia: 1990
 - Maine: 2001 (all middle school, HS recently)
 - Many international & national schools
- Tested program
 - Much research on impact
 - Research shows many positive effects

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ICS 1:1 Program Goals

- 21st century tools & learning
- Creativity and collaboration
- Active engagement
- “Anytime, anywhere”
- Differentiation

Note: NOT a panacea!



Logistics: What to expect

- **School-owned laptops**
 - Students use them through the year
 - Return to school at end of year
- **Used in most classes every day**
 - Students carry them to classrooms
 - Store them for lunch, PE, sports
- **Taken home for homework**
 - Some Internet work



Meet the laptops!

Middle School Model

High School Model



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Software

- Areas of emphasis
 - Productivity
 - Student tools
 - Creativity
 - Security
- Open Source
- Cross-Platform



Zimbra Desktop



OpenOffice.org



Firefox



XMind



FreePlane



Evernote



CmapTools



Scribus



Gimp



Scratch



Audacity



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Expectations: Students

- **Responsibility**
 - Physical
 - Operating System & applications
 - Online
- **The ICS Way in Technology**
- **Responsible Use Agreement**



Expectations: Parents

- **Supervise children at home**
 - Physical care of computer
 - Online
- **Reinforce The ICS Way & Responsibility**
- **Accept financial responsibility**
 - Initial refundable deposit
 - Subsequent deposits and charges for loss or damage



What's the cost?

- **Laptops paid for from ICS budget**
- **Families asked for refundable deposit**
 - Initial security: 1,500Birr
 - Returned: laptop returned in good condition
- **In case of loss or damage**
 - Initial deposit kept
 - Subsequent higher 2nd deposit
 - Deposits for components



Questions?



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More information...

- **Student/Parent Handbook**
 - *Pick up your copy before you leave!*
- **ICS Website**
 - *Check out the Technology Section*
- **Yezare Samint**
 - *More information every issue*
- **Contact John Iglar**
 - 0912 487 155 or john.iglar@icsaddis.edu.et



What next?

- **Deposit to cashier (before “handover”)**
- **Sign agreements (before “handover”)**
- **Egg-cellent introduction**
 - Friday (8 Oct) through Thursday (14 Oct)
- **In-school training (ongoing)**
- **“Handover” sessions (in MPR)**
 - Grade 10: Saturday, 30 Oct (10am-12noon)
 - Grade 6: Saturday, 6 Nov (10am-12noon)



What to do at home?

- **Talk about family rules**
 - Responsibility
 - Appropriate use
 - Time
 - Keeping a balance
- **Ask questions & read information**
- ***Get excited!***

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