

# Chromebook Purchasing Option for Parents

Wolf Creek Public Schools is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to **enhance teaching and learning in our schools**. We have a long history and a proven track record of working with our school communities in order to be able to positively leverage the potential of digital technology tools to support learning. Everyday our schools utilize technology to:

- Allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways;
- Connect students with each other within their classroom, within the division, within the province and around the world;
- Connect students and teachers with experts in various fields such as authors, astronauts, scientists;
- Support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs;
- Access digital resources and assessments;
- And more!

## Bring Your Own Device Program

Wolf Creek Public Schools **believes that students should be able to bring their own device** to school to support their learning. We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning support for our students since 2009. Students across our division benefit from ready access to school owned technology; but we have found over years of observation that students feel most comfortable with, and often are able to best support their learning with, **a device that they personally own**.

Our parents have been very supportive of this evolution of a **bring your own device approach** in Wolf Creek. In many schools as parents seek to provide support for their children as they learn in today's classrooms, our teachers and administrators have been fielding parent questions around "what kind of a device should I purchase for my child"?

## History and Background

Back in 2011, Wolf Creek School division piloted the first use of **Chromebooks** and Google Apps for Education in our schools. This pilot quickly grew as we received feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and parents around the potential for this kind of device to purposefully support student learning.

Since 2012 we have had a very positive partnership with **BCom Computer in Edmonton**:

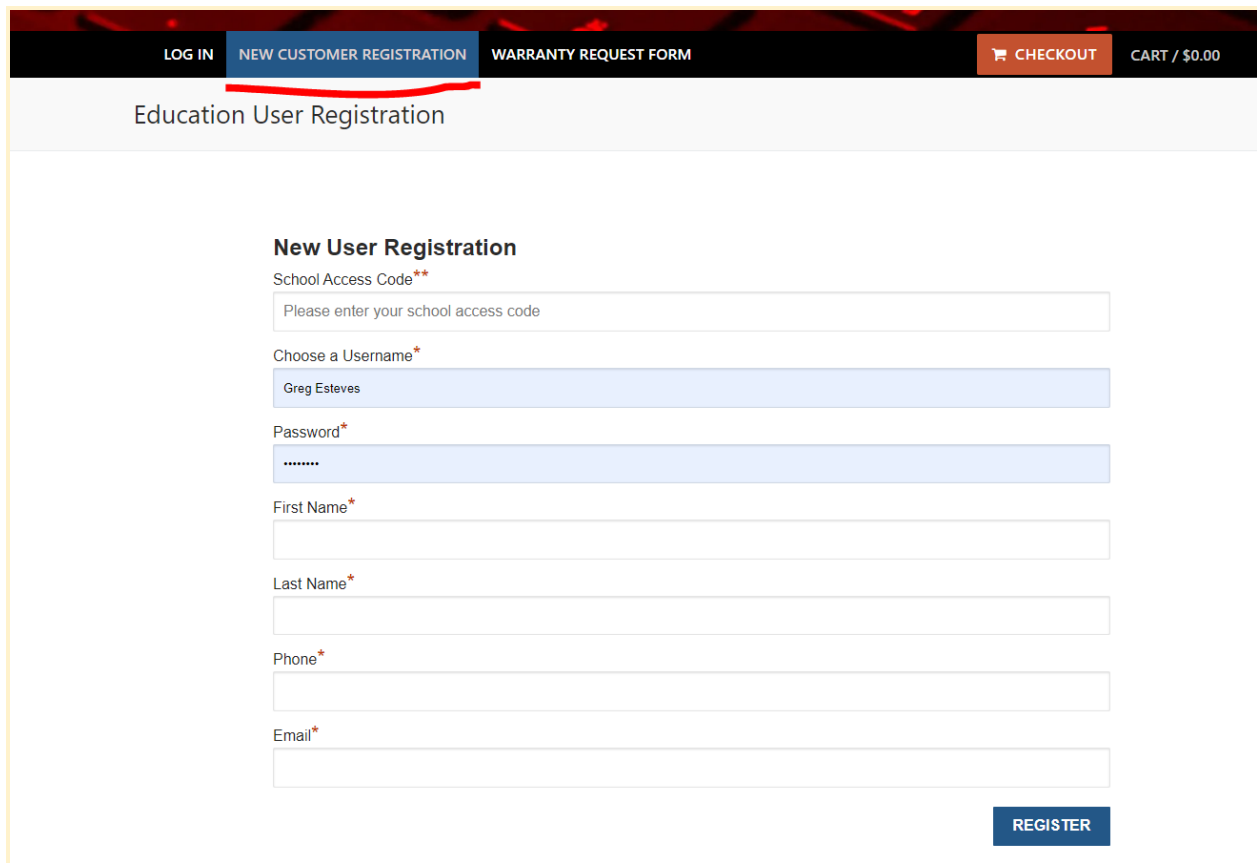
<https://b-com.ca/>.

BCom works with our district and others to offer competitively priced technology and accessories via an online portal for families. A selection of devices that will meet the needs of students are available and can be delivered to the family home address or picked up from **BCom Computer** in Edmonton (details below).

## Online Purchase Process

**BCom Computer** has built a Wolf Creek Public Schools online store specifically for our families which provides the ability to purchase a selection of Chromebooks, accessories and warranty options which have been chosen because they fit in well with our Wolf Creek context.

Families wishing to purchase a Chromebook through this program will need to visit <https://b-com.ca/educationportal> in order to create a parent shopping and payment profile.



The screenshot shows the 'Education User Registration' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'LOG IN', 'NEW CUSTOMER REGISTRATION' (highlighted with a red underline), and 'WARRANTY REQUEST FORM'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are 'CHECKOUT' and 'CART / \$0.00' buttons. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Education User Registration'. The main content area is titled 'New User Registration' and contains the following fields:

- School Access Code\*\* (with a placeholder: 'Please enter your school access code')
- Choose a Username\* (with a dropdown menu showing 'Greg Esteves')
- Password\* (with a masked input field showing '.....')
- First Name\*
- Last Name\*
- Phone\*
- Email\*

A blue 'REGISTER' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

If you are visiting the BCom Portal for the first time, you will need to click on the New Customer Registration tab at the top of the page. Fill in the required information as it appears on the form. The School Access Code for Wolf Creek Public Schools is: **Success4all!**

Once you have created an account you will see a selection of devices, warranty options, and accessories which have been selected to work well within Wolf Creek classrooms.

**Chromebooks purchased via the BCom portal will be shipped directly to your home/ mailing address. If you need to make a warranty claim over the life of your Chromebook, you will need to contact BCom directly. WCPS Tech Services will not service your warranty or repair personally owned devices.**

## **Do I HAVE to Purchase a Chromebook through the BCom Portal?**

### **Absolutely not!**

Wolf Creek Public Schools is a bring your own device environment and welcomes mobile devices such as Chromebooks and laptops that a student may have in order to support their learning.

We support our families' choices to purchase a device to enhance their child's learning through any retailer of their choice.

Families who choose to make a Chromebook purchase through another vendor may wish to refer to this [document](#) to help guide their purchase decision.