

Good morning, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School, with a special message for Thursday, July 23rd. A copy of this special message will be posted on our school website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs), tweeted on our school Twitter account, and emailed and texted to our school families.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE—ACTION NEEDED BY EVERY FAMILY!

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS SURVEY: Last night every family in the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) should have received information regarding the need for EVERY STUDENT to complete a Technology Needs Survey. This is critical information that we need to be sure we have for every student to ensure that when we begin online teaching and learning on Monday, August 17th, our students have the tools they need to successfully engage in learning. I would ask that EVERY family complete a survey for EVERY student you have who attends Athens Drive Magnet High School—whether you have technology needs or not, this Survey needs to be completed. Please know that you need to complete this Technology Needs Survey for each student you have in any school at any grade level. However, I want to be sure that you complete a Survey for every student you have at Athens Drive. I have already completed the Survey for my son and it only took two minutes to complete. Please know that you will need to have your student's ID number to complete the Survey. Here is the information that WCPSS sent out to families:

As we prepare to return to school in an online environment, every K-12 student will need a laptop and Internet access in order to complete assignments, participate in instruction, and collaborate and learn with others.

*We're asking **all** families with a student in grades K-12 to [complete this survey](#) for each student, regardless of your school, whether you have applied to the Virtual Academy, whether you have a device or whether you need a device. (Pre-K students' technology will be addressed separately by the Office of Early Learning.) This short survey will help us better understand the needs of our students and make sure that we are able to meet those needs.*

Although the district intends to provide a device for every student in the future, some families may choose to provide their own laptop at this time. If you choose to purchase and/or provide a laptop for your child, we recommend an up-to-date Chromebook, Windows 10, or Apple (laptop only). Mobile devices, such as phones and tablets, typically cannot provide an adequate experience for online learning.

Please complete this survey no later than midnight on Wednesday, July 29th.

So, I would ask that you please take two minutes to complete this Survey so that we can be sure that we can assist families in ensuring they have the technology necessary to be successful as we begin the year in Online Learning. Here is the [LINK](#), again, for this Survey for EVERY family to complete for EACH student they have in WCPSS. Thank you for your attention to this and I hope you all have a great day and a fantastic end to your week! As always, please continue to be safe and take care of yourselves, your loved ones, and each other. **GO JAGS!**