

AITR NetBook Project

One of the goals of the Academy this year is for all of our students to have a computer for daily use in every class and at home. Netbooks are portable computers that weigh just over 2.2 lbs and fit easily into a school bag. It is the most recent development in mini notebook technology.

The netbooks will be loaded with software that the students need, and backed by in-school technical support. Wireless internet access will be available at school, and netbooks can also be used at home – with or without internet access.

The netbooks will give students the tools to learn in a digital age. Research shows students are more motivated and engaged in learning when they have their own computer. Computer use has also been linked to better organizational skills, improved literacy and numeracy, better collaboration and analytical thinking.

Netbooks promote better learning in and out of school by encouraging:

- anywhere, anytime access to learning
- independent, self-initiated learning
- more family involvement in education
- collaboration between students in different schools, states and other countries.

Currently the cost of many netbooks is under \$300.00 and we are working on negotiating discounts for a large order. We have over 130 students in the AITR. We understand that not every family can afford to provide a netbook for their student and would like to make sure that no student is without. I would like to put together a Netbook Committee of teachers and parents to come up with ideas for fundraising and monitoring this project.

More information regarding cost and availability will be sent as soon as it is available.

Please detach and return:

Parent: _____

Student Name: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in serving on the Netbook Committee Yes No

I would be willing to purchase a netbook for my student Yes No

I would be willing to fundraise for a netbook for my student Yes No