Good afternoon,

Southwest Tech and the Laptop Program Committee are very excited to announce updates to the newly re-named Charger Tech 360. The purpose of the Charger Tech 360 program is to support students with the technology they need to complete their degree at Southwest Tech. The College designed Charger Tech 360 to offer complete technical support, so you don't have to worry about the "techy" stuff and concentrate on learning. We received a lot of feedback about the expanded access to reliable technology from faculty, staff, and students. Southwest Tech has taken feedback and continuously improved access to reliable technology to serve students better.

CHARGER TECH 360

Eligibility requirements tied to program areas remain the same, with the addition of the Liberal Arts University Transfer program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- Enrolled in six or more credits
  - *Students taking less than six credits have the option to opt-in beginning December 1, 2020*
- A program that is eligible for Financial Aid
- Not on Academic Denial
- Good Financial Standing

Programs that are not eligible are the following:
- Apprenticeships
- Drive Safety Education Certificates
- Emergency Medical Technician
- EMT
- Laboratory Science Technician
- Nail Technician
- Nursing Assistant (CNA)

The College offers a variety of dual credit options for high schools in Southwest Tech's district. The Start College Now and CollEDGE Up students are not eligible for the program. All students enrolling in Pathway Certificates are also not eligible for the Charger Tech 360 program.

IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER 1: NEW STUDENTS and continuing students who now meet the new eligibility requirements - GETTING STARTED WITH CHARGER TECH 360

1. Register on the Charger Tech 360 Program Portal
   Your Charger Tech 360 account should be activated by 8:00 a.m. the next business day.
2. Log into the Charger Tech 360 Program Portal
   If prompted, enter your Southwest Tech credentials (student username and password)
3. Eligible students should follow the instructions to receive your laptop by mail.

DECEMBER 7 – 18: HOW TO RETURN THE LAPTOP IF STUDENTS ARE NOT CONTINUING OR GRADUATING – PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

WHAT IS ALL INCLUDED IN CHARGER TECH 360?

Pre-Installed Software and Services
- Adobe Reader - PDF viewer
- Microsoft 365 Apps - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook, OneNote
- OneDrive-online cloud file storage
- Respondus Lockdown Browser - Schoology testing software
- TeamViewer - Remote support software
- VLC Media Player - Multimedia player that plays most multimedia file types and formats
- Windows Defender - Anti-virus software
- Zoom - Video conferencing software

Program Specific Software
- Ag Leader SMS (Additional Instructions)
- AllData
- CCC Timeclock (Additional Instructions)
- Dairy Comp Academic
- Identifix
- MasterCam (Additional Instructions)
- Microsoft Visio
- PicoScope (Additional Instructions)
- QuickBooks (Additional Instructions)
- RationPRO MVP
- Sage 50 (Additional Instructions)

- SketchUp ([Additional Instructions](#))
- SnapPlus
- Torchmate CAD EDU ([Additional Instructions](#))
- VMWare Horizon Client

Hardware
- HP EliteBook 745 G6 -Windows10 Pro64
  An HP EliteBook 745 G6 -Windows10 Pro64 will be shipped to each eligible student. Each laptop will come with a Targus Groove, with Southwest Tech's logo embroidered on the backpack.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY?
Our on-campus Helpdesk assists faculty, staff, and students with their technology needs.
[Charger Technology Support Center](#)

HOW DOES THE CHARGER TECH 360 PROGRAM WORK?
For the 2020-2021 academic year, all students will receive a rebate for the technology fee. Next year, the 2021-2022 academic year, all eligible students will be charged a technology fee of $400 each semester. Two-year program students will be able to keep the machine after two years. Short term program students will need to turn the hardware back in. Students in two-year programs will keep the laptop upon graduation after participating for at least four semesters in the Charger Tech 360 program. Students in short term programs (less than two years) will turn the laptop back into ITS upon graduation.

If you have feedback or questions not answered on the [Charger Tech 360 webpage](#), we encourage you to share them using [the email form](#). Thank you!

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