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A parent poses after receiving a free Chromebook. Donations made to the Riverside Unified School District made the program possible. (Courtesy of Riverside Unified School District)

Families at three Riverside middle schools are getting new — and free — Chromebooks.

On Dec. 1, those eligible at Central Middle School received the laptops, paid for by donations from [Frontier Communications](#) and the California Emerging Technology Fund, a Riverside Unified School District news release states. The 500 computers also are being given to students at Chemawa and University Heights middle schools.



Riverside families are receiving free Chromebooks, thanks to donations made to the Riverside Unified School District. (Courtesy of Riverside Unified School District)

So far, the district's Family Resource Center has distributed 70 Chromebooks and will hand out more in the new year.

“This is my first computer ever,” student Zellie Alvarado said in the release. “I am looking forward to doing things that I can’t do on my phone.”

Esna Martinez said in the release: “I have only ever had a tablet, this is my first computer. Thank you so much, it feels like Christmas.”

The Chromebooks will help families communicate with their schools and keep up with their student’s work, Superintendent Renee Hill said in the release.

To receive a Chromebook, families from the three middle schools first complete a survey. Training for the families is also provided.