

Secondary Technology Agreement

In pursuit of Christ-centered educational excellence, Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) are innovative leaders in using technology to effectively prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society. Technology resources are powerful tools, and teamed with skillful teachers, we recognize that good pedagogy is what drives the use of technology to guide students to being learners, thinkers, and leaders.

Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) provides enrolled secondary students with a device during the school year for the purposes of enhancing, enriching, and facilitating learning and communication. Staff and students at GRCS are expected to use the technology to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship in a safe and functional Christian environment.

As stated in the [Grand Rapids Christian School Responsibility Use Policy](#), with privilege comes responsibility, and as a condition of use, students are responsible to comply with the following:

- Engage with GRCS technology resources in ways that are God-honoring, responsible, ethical, and legal.
- Respect and encourage others online through words and media, use language honoring God in online communications, and avoid unethical internet usage and inappropriate use of social media for things such as cyberbullying, defamation, threatening or discriminatory behavior, and accessing obscene material.
- Use school technologies at appropriate times, in appropriate places, for school-related work.
- Create original work by abiding by applicable copyright laws and licenses as they apply to music, videos, games, images, texts, and other media.
- Respect the privacy of protected accounts.
- Seek permission when recording audio or video.
- Refrain from email spamming, chain letters, and hoaxes.
- Respect the school device setup restrictions and protections and do not attempt modifications.
- Treat the school device and charger well by keeping the device in a case when carrying it, keeping liquids away from it, and not adding or removing school label stickers.
- Protect GRCS technology equipment and resources from damage and theft, and report full disclosure to technology staff in a timely manner if there is a malfunction or damage to equipment.
- Respect technology resources in ways that do not detrimentally affect other users such as excessive use of network bandwidth for streaming audio and video, gaming, and printing resources.
- Protect the GRCS network by not attempting to connect unapproved devices, circumventing network security measures, attempting to access restricted portions of the network, or by trying to compromise any network resources.

My permission is given for my student to log on and use websites that GRCS staff have determined are age level appropriate to use in the classroom such as FlipGrid, IXL, Socrative, Moodle, and Google's GSuite.

I understand that I will be financially responsible for the replacement or repair costs if the school-issued device or accessories are lost, stolen, or sustain damage due to accident, neglect, or abuse following the guidelines stated in the accidental damage plan. I understand that the school uses internet filtering, but that filtering technologies are never 100% effective. I agree not to hold GRCS liable for material accessed that is inappropriate, offensive, objectionable, or controversial as a result of using GRCS technology resources. I understand that violating these guidelines may result in loss of take-home privileges, restrictions on device usage, and/or other disciplinary actions for my child.