

GRCHS LAPTOP INFORMATION 2019-2020

Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) will provide all actively enrolled Grand Rapids Christian High School (GRCHS) students for the 2019-2020 school year the following:

1. One 11.6" MacBook Air with power adapter for Sophomores – Seniors and one 13.3" MacBook Air for Freshmen
2. One snap on hard case during a student's tenure at GRCHS which must be kept on at all times to protect the laptop from scratches and scuffs (student provides their own padded layer of protection)
3. Coverage of all minor repairs as well as minor wear and tear of the GRCS laptop
4. Laptop support during school hours at the GRCHS Help Desk

ORIENTATION DAY

At their assigned orientation day in August, students should plan on the following:

1. Bringing with them a laptop carrying case, laptop sleeve, or padded backpack to ensure an added layer of protection
2. Signing the Secondary Student Technology Contract (Parents signed this during the enrollment process)
3. Spending about 20 minutes setting up the laptop, logging into accounts, and viewing required information

MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

Students are expected to take care of their school-issued laptop. Staff and parents are asked to intervene if they witness behavior by students that reflect an inappropriate use of technology or behaviors that could lead to laptop damage.

Students are required to report any incidents with their laptop to the GRCHS Help Desk in a timely manner. Replacement parts must be purchased by GRCS, because our warranty requires us to use Apple certified products.

The GRCHS student fee assessed with enrollment covers minor repairs and minor wear and tear on the GRCS laptop. Technology staff will review incidents where accident, neglect, or abuse is the cause, and when additional costs need to be assessed. If additional costs are assessed, you will be billed, and payment will be expected within 30 days. If payment is not received or if students have multiple incidents in a school year, access to the school laptop will be restricted. Damages will be photographed for record keeping purposes. Additional costs include, but are not limited to:

1. Power supply parts – power adapter (\$65) and AC wall plug (\$10)
2. Deep exterior dents - \$75 for one corner and \$25 for each additional corner
3. Replacement of broken or non-functioning parts such as a broken screen – Additional fee up to \$150
4. Replacement costs due to loss, theft (police report required), or excessive damage such as a liquid spill – Additional fee up to \$500

PARENT/GUARDIAN TOOLS

Technology staff set up access to two portals for parents to give them insight into their child's academics and online activity.

1. ParentVUE: Available at <https://synergyvue.grcs.org> or as a mobile app, ParentVUE provides access to student schedules, assignments, grades, report cards, course history, attendance, and more. An activation code is required from the school office if you have not yet set up your account.
2. Securly: Our internet filter provider, Securly, allows you to see snapshots of your child's internet history audit trail. You can also block websites and categories, such as social media, when the laptop is off campus through the settings option. You can set up access to this account from within the weekly email report you will receive from Securly once school is in session. Once your account is set up, you can view your child's audit trail via securly.com or through the mobile app, Securly Home.

Instructions to these portals and further technology information, can be found on our website at www.grcs.org > Academics > Instructional Technology. Questions can be addressed to Sheila VanderWoude, Director of Technology, at svanderwoude@grcs.org or at 616.574.6063.