

SECONDARY TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FOR PARENTS

The Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) mission statement is “preparing students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society”. GRCS is committed to the use of technology to help meet this goal. Technology is an integral part of the GRCS education program, which recognizes and values the uniqueness of each learner, equipping them with tools for research, design, analysis, composition, and communication while teachers serve as facilitators of instruction, mentors, and coaches.

The [GRCS Responsible Use Policy](#) is a guide designed to ensure that our technology is used in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner, and aligns with the expectations of the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Before receiving the school device, students sign the [Secondary Student Technology Agreement](#) agreeing that they will use GRCS technologies adhering to the expectations anchored in our core values - Christ, Community, and Commitment.

Terms of Agreement:

- Our family is 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 in the [GRCHS Incident Policy](#) and/or the [GRCS 5th - 8th Grade Incident Policy](#).
- Violating the [GRCS Responsible Use Policy](#) or having multiple incidents with the school issued device may result in loss of take-home privileges, restrictions on device use, and/or other disciplinary actions.
- Internet filtering is set up on the school-issued devices. Because internet filtering technologies are never 100% effective, we acknowledge that we will not hold GRCS liable for material accessed that is inappropriate, offensive, objectionable, or controversial as a result of using GRCS devices.
- Artificial intelligence (AI), including generative forms of AI, is becoming a part of our daily lives. GRCS will educate and train students to utilize AI in ethical and educational ways. Staff may allow the use of AI for curriculum purposes. Access to [websites](#) will be granted that adhere to specific data and privacy guidelines regarding age restrictions and usage. Students must acknowledge the use of AI in any capacity related to their school work.
- My child may login and use online apps and services such as Google Workspace for Education and ChatGPT to create and store content that is pre-selected by GRCS staff and listed on the [GRCS Instructional Technology website](#) in accordance with school rules outlined in the [GRCS Responsible Use Policy](#).

I have reviewed the Technology Agreement, and I understand the responsibilities and guidelines for my student(s) when using the GRCS-issued device.

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