

SECONDARY STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

The Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) mission statement is to “prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society”. GRCS is committed to the use of technology to help meet this goal. Technology assists us in providing an educational program which recognizes and values the uniqueness of each student as they research, design, analyze, compose and communicate 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). When receiving the school device, students will sign this agreement acknowledging that they will use the technology device in God-honoring, responsible, ethical, and legal ways as children of God created in His image.

I understand and agree to each of the following:

Usage

1. I will engage with GRCS technology resources in ways that are God-honoring, responsible, ethical, and legal.
2. I will 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.
3. I will use school technologies at appropriate times, in appropriate places, for school-related work. Personal activities such as gaming, will be preserved for home activities on my personal device.
4. I will create original work by abiding by applicable copyright laws and licenses as they apply to music, videos, games, images, texts, and other media.
5. I will refrain from email spamming, chain letters, and hoaxes.
6. I will respect the school device setup restrictions and protections and not attempt modifications.
7. I will 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.
8. I will 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 network resources.

Privacy

9. I will respect the privacy of user accounts.
10. I will seek permission when recording audio or video.

Care

11. I will treat the school device and charger well by keeping it in a case when carrying it, always keeping the school issued (or similar replacement) case on the device, keeping liquids away from the device, and not adding stickers or removing school label stickers.
12. I will 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.

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.

My 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 incident policy as defined on the [GRCS Instructional Technology website](#). Example costs:

- a. Loss of power supply parts – Laptop: power adapter (\$65) and AC wall plug (\$10), iPad: Power adapter (\$19) and cable (\$19)
- b. Replacement of broken or non-functioning parts such as a broken screen – Additional fee up to \$150
- c. Replacement costs due to loss, theft (police report required), or excessive damage such as a liquid spill – Additional fee up to \$500

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Print

Signature