

CVSU 2022-2023 School Year

Chromebook Program Reminders - For all CVSU Students

(Paine Mountain School District & Echo Valley School District)

We are excited to offer all K-12 students enrolled in our district* the opportunity to have a Chromebook to be used at both school and home! Here are some important reminders we ask you to read BEFORE signing the device agreement form:

- **Each device is labeled and assigned a charger and a case or sleeve.** Students are expected to care for their devices and to return their charger and sleeve with their device at the end of the year. If your charger is lost or stolen please report it immediately. If replacement items need to be acquired, the family and school will work together to see that the student's technology needs are met.
- **Students are expected to report damages immediately.** If your device is damaged, you must report the damage immediately to the front office or technology office. **Our warranty requires a detailed description of the damage including how and when the damage occurred so that a broken device can be repaired.** Failure to report these details of the damage could result in the student's full liability for the damage cost of repairs.
 - NOTE: If your device was turned in damaged at the end of the last school year and you did not provide a damage description, you may not be reissued your device until the damage description is provided. Please report the damage ASAP so your device can be repaired and re-issued to you.
- **Be sure that your device is the last item placed in your backpack.** If the device is inside of a backpack, it must also be inside the protective case/sleeve. Do not overstuff your backpack – pressure on the device can cause permanent damage to the screen and other components.
- **Students are expected to keep their device and protective case/sleeves free from stickers and other markings.** The only markings on the device will be an inventory control number. There are to be no stickers on or marking of the devices or cases/carrying sleeves.
- **Bring a fully-charged device to school daily.**

***On-Campus or Virtual Academy Students only.
Does not apply to Early College or RTCC program students.**

Central Vermont Supervisory Union



Student 1:1 Handbook

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Questions/Support?

Email us at helpdesk@cvsu.org

The Vision for Teaching and Learning in the Central Vermont Supervisory Union:

The 1:1 initiative gives students the tools to have instant access to the world of information and also to become producers rather than just consumers of information that is available through the use of technology. The goal of the initiative is to provide each K-12th grader in the CVSU 24/7 access to a portable computing Device as well as more technology opportunities to all students.

CVSU is taking a proactive initiative to transform teaching and learning within our school districts. The 1:1 initiative allows several things to occur for the benefit of student learning, including:

- Promoting student engagement and enthusiasm for learning.
- Encouraging collaboration among students, teachers, parents/or legal guardians, community members, and people throughout the nation and world through interactive capabilities and opportunities.
- Reducing the use of worksheets and workbooks.
- Guiding students in their learning and production of knowledge.
- Allowing students access to information, along with an opportunity to connect it to their learning in a meaningful manner.

Another goal of the CVSU's 1:1 initiative is to enrich the learning that takes place in and out of classrooms. In particular, technology offers opportunities for exploration and analysis of academic subjects in ways that traditional instruction cannot replicate. **Academic work for courses always takes priority over any other use of the Device and other media center equipment.**

Equipment

Equipment Provided

- All Devices include a protective case/sleeve, AC charger, software, and other miscellaneous items (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Device"). CVSU will retain records of the serial numbers of provided equipment.

Ownership

- The CVSU retains sole right of possession and ownership of all Devices utilized in the 1:1 initiative. The CVSU grants permission to the Student to use the Device according to the rules and guidelines set forth in this document. Failure to follow the terms of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to confiscation of any and all devices lent to the student and possible revocation of student access to CVSU technology. The CVSU reserves the right to monitor and log the use of its technology and network by users and examine user files and materials as necessary. Moreover, CVSU administrative staff retains the right to collect and/or inspect the Device at any time, including via electronic remote access; and to alter, add, or delete installed software or hardware. **There is no reasonable expectation of privacy while using CVSU computers, networks, or technology.**

Responsibility for Electronic Data

- It is the sole responsibility of the Student to backup such data as necessary. CVSU provides a means for backup along with directions but does not accept responsibility for any such backup of student material.

Part One: Device Use and Conduct

The rules and guidelines that govern the use of the CVSU's Devices and network resources are articulated in the CVSU Responsible Use Agreement that must be signed prior to students receiving a device. Students are expected to follow these rules and guidelines at all times when using CVSU technology.

Network Resources in this document refers to all aspects of the school's owned or leased equipment, including, but not limited to, computers, printers, scanners and other peripherals, as well as email, Internet services, servers, network files and folders, and all other technology-related equipment and services. These rules apply to any use of the school's network resources whether this access occurs while on or off campus.

Students will:

- **Bring a fully-charged Device to school daily.**
- The school does not supply headphones or earbuds, but students can bring their own.
- Only use the Device for educational purposes.
- Use appropriate language and be respectful of others.
- Not use Devices to engage in harassment, bullying, or cyberbullying of any individual.
- Not record or photograph (audio or video) others without express permission from an administrator or teacher.
- Observe and respect license and copyright agreements.
- Keep usernames, passwords and personal information confidential; except with your parent(s) or legal guardian.
- Return the Devices to CVSU at the end of the school year for system updates and re-imaging of the Device.

Students may not:

- Alter, add or delete any files that affect the configuration of a school Device other than the Device assigned for personal use;
- Conduct any commercial business that is not directly related to a course offered by CVSU in which the student is enrolled;
- Conduct any activity that violates school rules, School Board Policy, or the law;
- Access the data or account of another user (altering files of another user is considered vandalism);
- Install any software onto CVSU Devices; or,
- Copy CVSU school software (copying school owned software programs is considered theft).

In addition, students may not:

- Students may not digitally record staff or students without their consent or knowledge.
- Forward email commonly known as "SPAM," Unsolicited Commercial Email (UCE), or "junk email."
- I.M. (instant message) or chat during class unless related to academic expectations set forth by the instructor.

Discipline

Any student who violates the rules and expectations relative to this Handbook and technology use will be subject to disciplinary action. Any student violations may result in the student's access to CVSU technology being limited or revoked, or students having their hard drives restored to original settings.

Students and parents/or legal guardians should reference their school Handbook for additional information on student discipline. The school will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the school's electronic system or devices.

CVSU Monitoring of Devices and Accounts

In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”), CVSU is and will continue to do everything practicable to keep students safe when using technology. This includes installing content filtering and logging, email scanning/logging, and logging of network activity on all Devices and student accounts. CVSU’s content monitoring system will also flag and report the **content** and **location** of our user’s online activity and emails for negative sentiments like grief, self-harm, and bullying.

Filtering technology is not perfect, it is possible that restricted content may not always be stopped by filtering technology. CVSU does not have control of content posted on the Internet, nor does it have control over the content of incoming email. Sites and content accessible via the Internet may contain material that is defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, illegal or otherwise inconsistent with the mission of the CVSU.

In addition, CVSU reserves the right to use software that is able to monitor the location of school-owned devices designated as “lost”. This service is solely used to track the location of missing devices as needed by the technology support team. CVSU will not actively track or monitor a student’s device location or account activity location unless:

1. The device is reported as lost.
2. A person’s online activity or email content is flagged for negative sentiments like grief, self-harm, and bullying.

CVSU expects students to use technology appropriately and follow all policies when using the Internet, and believes that parent/or legal guardian supervision of technology use outside of school is of critical importance to ensuring student safety and compliance with District policies and federal, state, and local law.

DISCLAIMER/NO WARRANTIES

CVSU account holders take full responsibility for their access to CVSU’s network resources and the Internet. Specifically, CVSU makes no representations or warranties with respect to school network resources nor does it take responsibility for:

1. The content of any advice or information received by an account holder.
2. The costs, liability or damages incurred as a result of access to school network resources or the Internet.
3. Any consequences of service interruptions, loss of data, or delivery failures/mis-deliveries, for whatever reason.

Part Two: Device Use and Procedures for Students

1. Device Care

Device Damages

- **If a Device is damaged, the school must be notified immediately.**
- CVSU reserves the right to charge the Student and Parent/or Legal Guardian the full cost for repair or replacement when damage occurs due to intentional conduct or gross negligence as determined by CVSU administration. Examples of gross negligence include, but are not limited to:
 - Leaving equipment unattended and unlocked. This includes damage or loss resulting from an unattended and unlocked Device while at school.
 - Lending equipment to others other than one's parents/or legal guardians.
 - Using equipment in an unsafe environment.
 - Using the equipment in an unsafe manner.
- A student whose Device is being repaired will have access to a loaner Device in most cases. These Devices are called "Hot Swaps" and will be available for students to use during the time of repair. If it is determined that the Device was damaged intentionally, the student may not be able to take the "Hot Swap" Device home.
- If the student leaves the school district and does not turn in the Device, CVSU will make a reasonable effort to obtain the Device. If those efforts are unsuccessful, CVSU will treat it like a stolen Device and will notify the appropriate authorities.

If Loss, Damage, or Theft of Device Occurs:

- Devices that are damaged, lost, or stolen need to be reported to the school's main office immediately.
- **DAMAGED DEVICES: If your device is damaged, you must report the damage immediately. Our warranty requires a detailed description of the damage including how and when the damage occurred. Failure to report these details of the damage could result in the student's full liability for the damage cost of repairs.**
- If a Device is stolen or vandalized while not at a CVSU sponsored event, the parent/or legal guardian shall file a police report and notify the school's main office as soon as possible.
- If a Device is placed in a locker at school, the locker **MUST** be locked.

2. Student Access to the Internet

- At school, students will have access to the Internet through the school network. When not at school, students can access the Internet on district Devices if they have Internet access available to them in their home or other locations. Public WIFI access is available on campus before and after school hours.
- The Device's content filter will also be in place when students access the Internet outside of the school. Therefore, sites that are "blocked" at school will also be "blocked" in other locations where students access the Internet.
- Students may access the Internet on their district Device at any time outside of school. As with any other Internet-enabled Device, CVSU recommends that parents/or legal guardians monitor their student's time and activities on the Internet. Students should understand that their parent's/guardian's rules about Internet usage outside of school are applicable even when the student is using their district Device.

3. Education of Students in Safe and Appropriate Use of Technology

- Students will receive instruction in safe, ethical, and appropriate use of technology prior to issuance of a Device. It is important that students are aware of safe and appropriate use of technology for their own protection, and to ensure the safety of others.
- Topics covered in these learning sessions will include information on cyberbullying and cyber-harassment, online safety including use of social networking, plagiarism, and misuse of the equipment. Students will also learn how to respond to inappropriate or unsafe situations that may arise on the Internet.
- If prohibited or inappropriate Web sites or content are accessed by accident, the student should immediately leave the site and report the incident to an adult.

NOTE: The CVSU will continue to expand “digital citizenship” in which students are educated on acceptable standards of online behavior. That being said, the best filtering software in the world cannot match the combination of education and supervision at school and home.

4. Charging of Devices

- Students should establish a routine at home for the charging of their Device so that it can charge overnight.
- It is the student’s responsibility to care for the power adapter and cable.

5. Personalizing the Device

- Only CVSU’s Technology Department or its authorized representatives may install applications on student Devices.
- All students will have limited ability to personalize their Device (avatars,wallpaper, etc.). All items must be appropriate and not violate any CVSU policy or student handbook rule.
- **Stickers and other markings on the outside of the Device are not allowed.**
- Each Device is identified by a specific numbering system that is placed on the Device by the Technology Department and may NOT be removed.
- The purchase/use of any optional accessories (mice, headphones, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the student.

6. Student Printer Use

- Students will have access to designated printers in their school building.
- CVSU expects that the need to print materials on paper will be reduced as a result of students’ ability to send assignments and other materials to their teachers through their Device.
- Student Devices may be connected to home printers if desired. CVSU does not provide technical support for personally owned printers.

7. Read all Safety Warnings and Information

- Students and their parents/or legal guardians are strongly encouraged to review the user information for this Device to understand more about the Device, its capabilities, and required care. Basic Device information is attached at the end of this document and detailed safety information is available online at:

<https://www.cvsu.org/technology/1to1>

8. Parents/Legal Guardian's Right to Waive 24/7 Access

- Parents/Legal Guardians have the right to waive their child's 24/7 access to the Device by filing a written waiver with the school's main office. A record of that waiver will be kept on file.
- The student will still have access to the Device while at school, but will not be allowed to remove the Device from school. A location will be provided to store and charge the Device at school.
- The decision to either waive the right to 24/7 access or to participate in 24/7 access to the Device can be made at any time during the school year.

Part Three: Device Care Reminders

Students are expected to follow all the specific guidelines listed in this document and take any additional common sense precautions to protect their assigned Device.

1. General Care

- Treat this equipment with as much care as if it were your own property.
- **Do not put objects (including books) on top of your device, even when closed. Make sure your device is not under any items in your backpack. Do not drop your backpack with the device in it.**
- Do not attempt to remove or change the physical structure of the Device, including the keys and plastic casing.
- Do not remove or interfere with the serial number or any identification placed on the Device.
- Keep the equipment clean. For example, don't eat or drink while using the Device.
- **Do not do anything to the Device that will permanently alter it in any way.**
- Backup your data. Never consider any electronic information safe when stored on only one device.
- Do not put stickers or use any type of markers on the Device.
- DO NOT charge your Device while it is in the protective sleeve. Ensure the computer has air circulation while charging.
- Close the lid of the computer when it is not in use, in order to save battery life and protect the screen.
- NEVER walk from one location to another with an open computer. This is applicable at school and at home.

2. Keep the Device in a Safe Place

- The Device must be stored in a safe place (A locker, only when locked, is considered a safe place). The Device should not be left on the floor where it might be stepped on, or within reach of small children or pets. The Device should not be left in a car or anywhere it might be exposed to extreme temperatures or theft. Devices should not be kept in locker rooms.
- Devices left in unattended classrooms or other areas are considered "unattended". If a Device is left unattended and is found by faculty, staff, or other students, it will be returned to the Technology Department office. The student will receive a warning before getting the Device back. If the Device is confiscated a second time, the student may be required to get a parent/or legal guardian signature acknowledging financial responsibility before getting the Device back, along with other potential appropriate consequences. Unattended and unlocked equipment, if stolen – including at school – will be the student's responsibility.
- If on an athletic team, the Device should never be left in a vehicle, in the gym, in a locker room, on a playing field, or in other areas where it could be damaged or stolen.
- Avoid storing the Device in a car other than in a locked trunk. The locked trunk of a car would be an acceptable storage place as long as it's not excessively hot or cold.

3. Device Sleeves/Cases

- Each student will be given a protective sleeve, case, and/or "always-on" clamshell cover that they are required to use to carry their Device in during the school day and outside of school. This is the only sleeve that is approved for the Device to be placed in. It is specially designed for the Device that students are using. It is important to keep the sleeve clean, and take time to remove any items like paper clips that can scratch the exterior of your Device. Always-on clamshell covers are not to be removed by the student.

4. Keep the Device Away from All Liquids

- Exposure to liquids will severely damage a Device and will result in large repair costs. Water, soda, juice, power drinks, coffee, etc. will all ruin your Device completely. Open cans of soda and cups of coffee (even those with lids) are especially dangerous.
- Do not put a bottle of water/soda/etc. in your backpack with your Device – even if it is sealed.

5. Device Problems

- It is a student's responsibility to maintain a 100% working Device at all times.
- If the Device is not working properly the student needs to first talk to the teacher in the class to determine if some minor troubleshooting will take care of the problem. If the problem still exists, the student or classroom teacher must report the issue to the Technology Department office as soon as possible after discovery of the problem. If the Device cannot be fixed immediately, the student may be issued a different Device to use on a temporary basis.
- If you are away from the school and need assistance, send an email to CVSU "Help Desk" at helpdesk@cvsu.org. This will generate a "help" ticket and can be accessed 24/7. Even though response will not be immediate, district personnel capable of finding a solution will be notified and the problem taken care of in as timely a manner as possible.
- When in doubt, ask for help.

6. Only One User

- NEVER allow anyone else to use your Device. Parents or guardians may utilize the Device for the purpose of monitoring a student's use, classwork, or grades.
- Personal or business use of a Device by a parent or guardian is prohibited. Loss or damage that occurs when anyone else is using it will be the student's responsibility.

7. Cleaning the Device

- Device screens show fingerprints and smudge easily, but be sure to follow proper cleaning procedures to keep your screen looking new. Never use a chemical to clean the screen. Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth in most cases when cleaning the Device. If necessary, the cloth may be dampened slightly to assist in the cleaning areas that do not appear to be coming clean with the dry cloth.). Inappropriate cleaning of the device may cause damage.
- Read and follow any maintenance alerts from the school technology personnel or the administration office.

8. Shutting Down the Device

- Fully shut down the Device when it won't be used for an extended duration. Simply putting your Device to sleep and not using it for several days can drain the battery to a point where it may no longer accept a charge. Press the power button or "SHUTDOWN" to do so.
- Wait until the screen is blank on your Device before closing the lid and moving it.

9. Closing the Device

- When you put your Device "to sleep" by closing the display screen the drive continues to spin briefly while saving data. Moving the computer abruptly before sleep-mode starts may damage the hard drive and cause data loss.
- The device lid/screen needs to be completely closed when moving it from one point to another.
- **Make sure no foreign objects are in between the screen and keyboard when the lid is closed otherwise the screen may be broken or damaged.**

10. Carrying the Device

- Always completely close the lid before moving it, even for short distances.
- Always transport the Device in the protective case or sleeve.
- Bring the provided sleeve to classes and use the sleeve whenever transporting. Do not store anything in the sleeve other than the Device and charger itself.
- **Do not overstuff your backpack – extreme pressure on the Device can cause permanent damage to the screen and other components. No books should be placed on top of your Device.**
- Do not grab and squeeze the Device, as this can damage the screen and other components.
- Never carry your Device by the screen.

11. Personal Health and Safety

- Avoid extended use of the computer resting directly on your lap. The bottom of the device can generate significant heat and therefore cause temporary or permanent injury. Use a barrier, such as a book or devices made specifically for this purpose, when working on your lap. Also, avoid lap--based computing while connected to the power adapter as this will significantly increase heat production.
- Avoid lengthy use involving repetitive tasks (such as typing and use of the track-pad). Take frequent breaks as well as alter your physical position (typing while standing, sitting, leaning, etc.) to minimize discomfort. If possible, set up a workstation at home with an external keyboard and mouse that allows you to situate the screen at eye--level and the keyboard at lap--level.
- Parents/or legal guardians and students should review the safety warnings included in the Device's user guides which is available online at:

<https://www.cvsu.org/technology/1to1>

1:1 Agreement Form
RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL BY THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASSES
OR COMPLETE ON THE TYLER ONLINE REGISTRATION PORTAL

We acknowledge that we have read the CVSU Student 1:1 Handbook and any additional notices attached.

AND

We agree to the conditions and responsibilities set forth in this handbook.
We ACCEPT the 24/7 access to a school-issued device so that our student can take the device home.

Student Printed Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

----- **OR** -----

We acknowledge that we have read the CVSU 1:1 Handbook and any additional notices attached.

AND

We agree to the conditions and responsibilities set forth in this handbook. **BUT**
We WAIVE the 24/7 access to a school-issued device and request that the device remain at school.

Student Printed Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____