

SECONDARY TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FOR PARENTS

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. By teaming the power of technology with the power of skillful teachers, we can realize an optimal environment for learning. 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 the technology in God-honoring, responsible, ethical and legal ways as children of God created in His image and will abide by the [GRCS Responsible Use Policy](#).

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](#).
- 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.
- My child may login and use online apps and services such as Google Workspace for Education 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](#).
- 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.

I have reviewed the Technology Agreement, and I understand the responsibilities and guidelines when using the school-issued device.

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