

GSA 1-to-1 Computer Use Policy

George Stevens Academy is pleased to offer the GSA 1-to-1 Computer Program. This means that all GSA students will be receiving laptop computers for their use. With the benefits come responsibilities, however, and both students and parents must be aware of and accept these responsibilities. Parents and students are required to sign the GSA 1-to-1 Computer Use Policy before receiving their MacBook Airs. Copies of this policy may also be picked up in the Main Office or downloaded from the GSA website.

Student Use Policy

1. MacBook Airs are the property of George Stevens Academy, and are on loan to the student; the student is therefore responsible for the proper care of these machines. Damage to the machines (e.g. actions or events that interfere with the proper function of the device, or irreversible disfigurement of the device) and resultant necessary repairs, whether through carelessness, negligence, or accident, is the responsibility of the student, and loss or theft of laptops will also be the responsibility of the student (see “Shared Risk Pool/Network Upkeep Agreement”).
2. Student access to GSA technology, networks and Internet services are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with GSA’s mission, curriculum and instructional goals.
3. Student use of GSA’s technology, networks and Internet service is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity (e.g. gaming, Facebook, or other uses such as but not limited to those listed below) may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary and/or legal action. GSA also reserves the right to block access to the GSA hub, whether the technology used belongs to GSA or to individual students, if students use access or technology for non-academic or prohibited purposes.
4. GSA computers are subject to site reviews by GSA Technology, Administrative and Teaching Staff at any time. Visiting inappropriate sites with GSA computers or using GSA Internet access may result in the loss of user privileges.
5. Each student is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving GSA technology, networks and Internet services, and for his or her technology files, passwords and accounts. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include but are not limited to the following:
 - Accessing Inappropriate Material – Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal.
 - Performing Illegal Activities – Using GSA technology, networks and/or Internet services for any illegal activity or activity that violates other school policies and/or school rules.
 - Violating Copyrights – Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner’s permission or any other activity that violates other GSA policies regarding copyright material.
 - Committing Plagiarism – Representing as one’s own work any materials obtained on the Internet (i.e. term papers, articles, etc.). When using Internet sources in your work, the author, publisher and website must be identified.

