

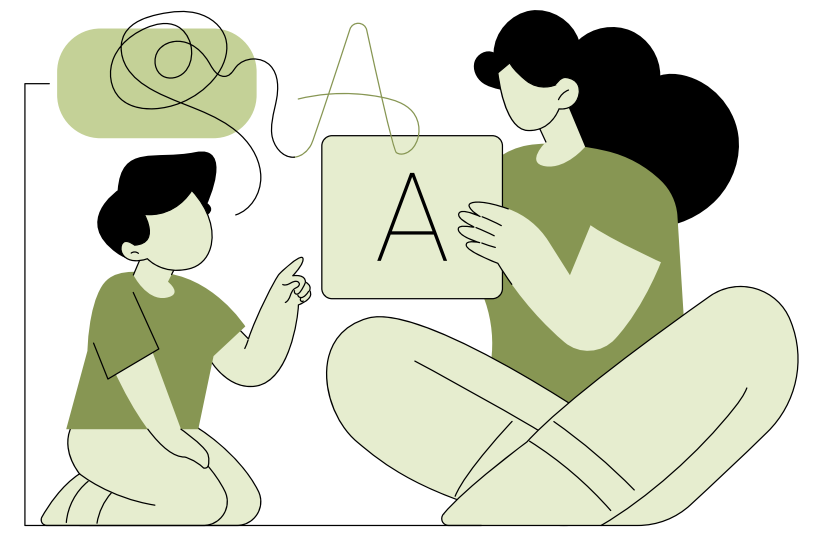


# Technology TIDBITS

Important things to know about student technology use in GVSD.

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## Supervised Chat for Grades K - 6



Students in kindergarten through second grade do not have access to Teams chat. Teachers in third through sixth grade will initiate a Teams chat with each student at the beginning of the school year. All chats will be facilitated by the teacher who will then have access to the chat. Our goal is to ensure the district-issued iPad is used for school-related collaboration conversations ONLY!

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## Designated “Unplug” Times for Students

Access to apps (including the internet) on the student iPad is restricted after specified times. These times are dictated by the level/grade of the student. While we want students to be able to complete assignments, review content, or access district resources, we have also been responsive to caregivers' desire to have students unplug from technology, especially during later evening/overnight hours.



- Grades K- 3 (restricted access from 8 p.m. - 7 a.m.)
- Grades 4 -6 (restricted access from 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.)

As these are district-wide settings, caregivers cannot alter these times.

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## Caregiver Control through the Relay/Lightspeed Parent Portal

Families may turn off their students' internet access on the district-issued iPad at any time using the Relay/Lightspeed parent portal. The Relay/Lightspeed parent portal also allows parents to view their students' internet activity and to receive weekly email communication about their students' internet usage.

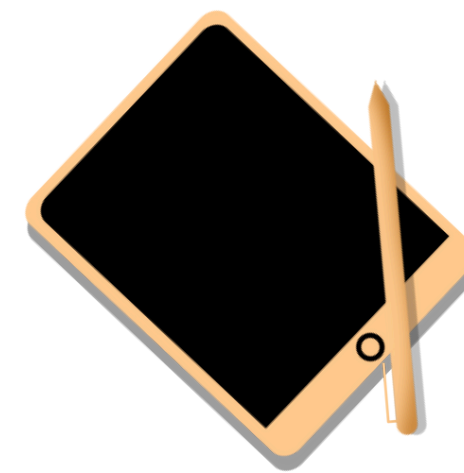
Families also have the ability to block YouTube while the internet remains accessible to students on the district-issued iPad. Access to all other social media sites is automatically blocked by the District.

Note that any disabled service will be restored when the student returns to school the next day. These settings must be made daily.

Please visit the [GVSD technology department webpage](#) to sign up for Relay/Lightspeed and learn more.

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## Delayed iPad Usage: Grades K - 6



Students in grades K through 6 did not have access to iPads during their first 6-day cycle of the school year. Teachers used this time to foster classroom communities while teaching the social skills of respect and kindness. Student use of iPads begins during the second 6-day cycle of the school year.

## For More Information

Please visit the district technology website at <https://www.gvsd.org/academics/technology> for more tips, videos, and information, or email Instructional Technology at [instructional-technology@gvsd.org](mailto:instructional-technology@gvsd.org).