GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Student Data Privacy and Software Use

Parent/Guardian Information & Acknowledgment

Grand Rapids Christian Schools uses digital tools and online applications to support student learning, collaboration, and communication. These tools help teachers provide engaging learning experiences and prepare students to use technology responsibly. Protecting student privacy and teaching responsible technology use are important priorities for our school.

Student Data Privacy

Some school-approved digital tools require limited student information to function. This information is used for educational purposes, such as accessing classroom platforms, completing assignments, and collaborating with teachers and classmates. This data may include:

- Student name
- Grade level
- School email address

Grand Rapids Christian Schools works to protect student information by:

- Carefully reviewing digital tools before approving them for classroom use
- Working with vendors that agree to student privacy protections
- Limiting the information shared to what is necessary for educational purposes
- Following applicable privacy laws, including **FERPA** and **COPPA**

School-Approved Software Overview

Students may use a variety of digital tools as part of learning (specific school-approved applications are listed at the end of this document). These tools may include:

- Classroom learning platforms
- Document and collaboration tools
- Research and digital textbook resources
- Creative or design tools
- Communication tools

Generative AI Use (Students Ages 13–18)

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools can create text, images, code, or other content from user prompts. These tools are becoming part of learning. Students are taught to use AI tools responsibly, ethically, and as a

support for learning; not a replacement for their own thinking. Students ages 13–18 may use GRCS approved AI tools for teacher-approved learning activities such as:

- Brainstorming ideas
- Exploring concepts
- Drafting or organizing writing
- Coding assistance

Protecting Privacy When Using AI

Teachers will guide students in responsible AI use and require students to indicate when AI tools are used in assignments. Students are not allowed to enter or upload the following into AI tools:

- Personal identifying information
- Photos, recordings, or private information of others without permission

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Parent Partnership

Families play an important role in helping students develop healthy digital habits. We encourage parents to talk with their children about responsible technology use and protecting personal information online.

If you have questions about school technology or AI use, please contact your school principal or GRCS Executive Director of Technology, Sheila VanderWoude, at svanderwoude@grcs.org..

Specific GRCS Applications Used

The list below contains the apps or services that at least some of our teachers use in the classroom. Note that your child's teachers might not use every app on the list. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher to confirm which apps are used in their classroom. Each app listed is linked to their privacy policy if you would like to read the information about how student data might be used.

K - 8 GRCS Applications Used			
Application	Application Privacy Policy	Application	Application Privacy Policy
Apple ID	AppleID Privacy Policy	Osmo	Osmo Privacy Policy
AutoDraw	AutoDraw Privacy Policy	Ozobot	Ozobot Privacy Policy
Bookopolis	Bookopolis Privacy Policy	Pixton	Pixton Privacy Policy
Clever	Clever Privacy Policy	Prodigy	Prodigy Privacy Policy
Code.org	Code.org Privacy Policy	Reading Horizons	Reading Horizons Privacy Policy
CodeSpark	CodeSpark Privacy Policy	Scratch	Scratch Privacy Policy
Destiny Discover	Destiny Discover Privacy Policy	Scratch Jr.	Scratch Jr. Privacy Policy
Epic	Epic Privacy Policy	SeeSaw	SeeSaw Privacy Policy
Google Workspace	Google Workspace for Education Privacy Policy	Socrative	Socrative Privacy Policy
Happy Numbers	Happy Numbers Privacy Policy	Sphero EDU	Sphero EDU Privacy Policy
IXL	IXL Privacy Policy	Stop Motion	Stop Motion Privacy Policy
Khan Academy	Khan Academy Privacy Policy	StoryBoardThat	StoryBoardThat Privacy Policy

Kodable	Kodable Privacy Policy	Teach Your Monster	Teach Your Monster Privacy Policy
Learning Ally	Learning Ally Privacy Policy	Tinkercad	TinkerCad Privacy Policy
Libby	Libby Privacy Policy	Typing.com	Typing.com Privacy Policy
MakeWonder	MakeWonder Privacy Policy	XtraMath	XtraMath Privacy Policy

Generative Artificial Intelligence Applications for Students Ages 13 - 18			
Application	**Application Privacy Policy**	**Application**	**Application Privacy Policy**
Adobe (GRCHS)	Adobe Privacy Policy	Gemini within Google Workspace for Education	Gemini Privacy Policy
Albert (GRCHS)	Albert Privacy Policy	Khanmigo	Khanmigo Privacy Policy
Class Companion	Class Companion Privacy Policy	School AI	School AI Privacy Policy

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