GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

SECONDARY STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

In order to facilitate a safe and functional Christian educational environment when using technology, members of the GRCS community are expected to adhere to our core values anchored in the 3 C's - Christ, Community, and Commitment. These three enduring pillars are our firm foundation, unifying lens, and cultural framework guiding us collectively and individually. The 3 C's challenge us to keep God first in everything, love our neighbors as ourselves, and personally commit to leading lives of purpose.

I understand and agree to each of the below statements:

Christ

We are rooted in Christ (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

- I will use school technologies and internet communication tools in ways that are God-honoring, responsible, ethical, legal, and in compliance with federal and state laws.
- I am an image bearer of God and will represent Him with honest and ethical usage.

Community

We are better together (Philippians 2:3-5).

- I will practice being a digital citizen as a user of information and technology in safe, legal, and responsible ways.
    - I will show respect for myself and others by:
        - Being mindful of differing perspectives, values and feelings.
        - Being kind and avoiding using technologies to bully, tease, gossip, or to harass others.
        - Thinking about the words and images I post knowing that they can be interpreted as representations of myself, my family, my school, my community, and my God.
        - Seeking permission before taking photos or recordings of staff or students or posting them online.
        - Refraining from impersonating others.
    - I will notify a trusted adult if I see something inappropriate online.
    - I will practice maintaining a healthy balance between online and offline activities in my daily life.
- I will practice academic integrity by:
    - Evaluating critically online information, including AI-generated content, for bias, misinformation, and inaccuracies, and I will cross-reference content with trusted sources.
    - Providing credit to the creators of content I use that is not my own, including the use of AI tools, and recognizing that not properly citing my sources of information is plagiarism and a form of cheating.
    - Creating appropriate content that is not harmful or misleading.

Commitment

We lead lives of purpose (I Peter 4:10).

- I will use school technologies at appropriate times, in appropriate places, and for school-related work.
- I will respect privacy and security of myself and others by not sharing private, sensitive, or confidential information without prior authorization on websites, software, or in AI tools.

Commitment

- I will be stewardly using my gifts and managing resources to further God's kingdom recognizing that GRCS technology use is a privilege and intended for school related purposes by:
    - Taking responsible precautions to care for, maintain, and protect school technologies and promptly reporting any damage to technology staff.
    - Keeping the school-issued device in a case, keeping liquids away from the device, and not adding to or removing device labels.
    - Keeping my login information secure, and only sharing it with administration or technology staff upon request.
    - Respecting the district network's security measures and not attempting to modify any restrictions or protections, not connecting unapproved devices to the GRCS network, and not downloading apps or content I don't have permission to access.
    - Being stewardly with GRCS technology resources such as file storage capacity, printing, and not using programs/websites that negatively affect our bandwidth.
    - Acknowledging that all electronic files stored on school resources, including emails, are the property of GRCS, and I am responsible for backing up my own files.
    - Recognizing that the technology belongs to GRCS and should not be used to send unsolicited mailings, distribute destructive programs, play games, or for personal businesses.

I understand that:

Violating the GRCS Responsible Use Policy and this contract, or having multiple incidents with the school-issued device may result in loss of take-home privileges, restrictions on device use, and/or other school consequences.

My family is financially responsible for 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 incident policy as defined on the GRCS website. Example costs:

- Replacement power adapter blocks | $19 - $59 depending on the laptop model
- Replacement charging cables | $19 - $49 depending on the laptop model
- Replacement screen/trackpad/keyboard | up to $300
- Excessive physical damage that doesn't affect the usage of the device (dents) | $75
- Excessive damage/loss/theft that affects the usage of the device (liquid spill) | up to $500

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Today's Date: _____