

Student & Family Responsibilities

Caring for Your District Device

This guide outlines expectations for students and families using a Gower School District 62 device. For an overview of the i3 Learning Initiative and our approach to educational technology, visit the i3 Learning page on the district website.

Device Access by Grade Band

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Students use shared classroom Chromebooks that remain at school.

Grades 2–8

Students are assigned a personal Chromebook that travels between school and home.

Student Expectations

- Use the device to support learning.
- Log in with the assigned Gower 62 account.
- Follow the Acceptable Use Policy, staff directions, and applicable laws, including SOPPA.
- Protect personal information and access only personal accounts and files.
- Use only district-approved hardware, software, and applications.
- Communicate respectfully and appropriately online.
- Keep district asset tags in place and care for the device.
- Make the device available for inspection upon request.
- Report concerns to Mrs. O'Boyle at Gower West or Mr. Neubert at Gower Middle.

Family Expectations

- Discuss appropriate and responsible technology use.
- Ensure only the assigned student uses the device.
- Accept financial responsibility for damage, loss, or theft as outlined by district procedures.
- Report damage, loss, or theft immediately.
- If a device is stolen, file a police report within 24 hours.

Grades 2–8 at Home

- Supervise appropriate educational use.
- Store and charge the device securely each night.
- Ensure the Chromebook is ready for school each day.
- Do not connect or sync it to personal devices or accounts.

K–1 families: Because devices remain at school, families do not need to store, charge, or supervise device use at home. Please reinforce responsible, respectful, and careful use of shared classroom technology.

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Simple steps that protect learning and district equipment

Device Use

- Do not remove district asset tags or install unapproved software, apps, or files.
- Devices are assigned to one student and should not be altered or modified.
- Do not attempt repairs or use anyone outside Gower School District 62 for service.

Daily Care

- Report damage or loss immediately to the classroom teacher, Mrs. O'Boyle at Gower West, or Mr. Neubert at Gower Middle.
- School-appropriate stickers are permitted, but devices should remain free of writing or markings.
- Use cameras and video features only with teacher permission.
- Clean the screen only with a soft microfiber cloth or lens wipe. Never use liquids or cleaners.

Storage & Transportation

- Store the device securely whenever it is not in use.
- Avoid leaving it in a vehicle. If necessary, keep it out of sight and only for a short period.
- Protect it from extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, and moisture.
- Handle charging cords and cables carefully.

Need Help?

Gower West: Mrs. Vicky O'Boyle, LRC

Gower Middle: Mr. Kevin Neubert, LRC

Families may also contact their child's classroom teacher with questions or concerns.