

FAMILY TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

Learning Environment



Goal: Create student-centered, technology-rich learning environments that provide academic excellence and educational equity.



Chrome Devices

ACPS provides K-12 students with dedicated devices for learning. In elementary schools, devices are stored in classroom carts and used for specific educational activities as directed by teachers. In secondary schools, devices are utilized for coursework, collaboration on projects, and accessing educational tools when instructed.



Clever

Students use Clever to access ACPS online learning applications.

<https://clever.com/in/alexandria>

A full list of ACPS applications is available via the ACPS Instructional Tool Library at

https://bit.ly/ACPS_Veracity.



Canvas

ACPS uses Canvas as a Learning Management System (LMS). With Canvas, students have one place to access course assignments and resources.

<https://acps.instructure.com>

Parents access Canvas through PowerSchool
<https://acpsva.powerschool.acps.k12.va.us/public>



Securly

Securly is a tool for families to monitor their child's device usage outside of school. Using the Parent Portal, parents and guardians can view their child's keyword searches, sites visited, and videos watched as well as add additional restrictions for specific sites. Access is provided when your child's device is sent home.

Learn more at: https://bit.ly/ACPS_Securly.



PowerSchool

PowerSchool is our student information system (SIS). Families and students in grades 6-12 access academic records including grades and attendance at:

<https://acpsva.powerschool.com/public>

For more information or to access the Parent Access Help Form, visit:

https://bit.ly/ACPS_PowerSchoolHelp

District Code for PowerSchool App- LZLW

For additional family resources, visit us online at
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/departments/technology-services>



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Safety, Security, Privacy

Goal: Minimize security risks through the use of systems, training, and policies.

Technology Use Guidelines

ACPS relies on administrators and teachers to evaluate balanced and healthy learning environments for students that include digital tools, as well non-digital tools. This includes screen-free lunch and recess.

Guidelines

- School technology should be used for educational purposes, not recreation or entertainment.
- Teachers should plan with colleagues to ensure balanced learning environments for students that utilize a variety of tools beyond digital devices.
- Technology should be used to encourage collaboration, creation, and critical thinking.
- Technology should enhance and extend, not replace real-life experiences for students.

To support appropriate educational technology use, all students sign a Responsible Use Policy. Review the Student RUP at https://bit.ly/ACPS_StudentRUP.

Privacy

ACPS takes the security and privacy of student information seriously. All applications approved for use by ACPS students meet requirements outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as well as the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (COPPA). Additionally, ACPS enters into a data agreement with vendors whose software has access to non-public student and staff information during the procurement process.

Learn more about specific applications used with students and access privacy policies in the ACPS Instructional Technology Tool Library at https://bit.ly/ACPS_Veracity.

Digital Citizenship and AI Literacy

In ACPS, we promote efforts to enable students to be healthy and ready to learn. This includes safe, ethical, and respectful behaviors when interacting with peers and adults in digital environments. To support this, ACPS utilizes a framework for educators to integrate five essential pillars of Digital and AI Literacy and Citizenship to empower students in navigating technology with confidence and character. These pillars provide teachers support in equipping students with the necessary skills for our ever evolving digital landscape, focusing on human empathy, academic integrity, and skeptical inquiry. Learn more at:

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/departments/technology-services/digital-citizenship>

