

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 following:

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 internet and social media 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:
 - 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:
 - Evaluating critically online information, including AI-generated content, for bias, misinformation, and inaccuracies and 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, 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 (1 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 artificial intelligence (AI) or Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools.
- ☐ 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.

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 disciplinary actions.

My family is financially responsible for the 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 Instructional Technology website](#). Example costs:

- a. Loss or damaged power supply parts: Power adapter \$19; cable \$19.
- b. Replacement of broken or non-functioning parts such as a broken screen or iPad keyboard: Additional fee up to \$200.
- c. Replacement costs due to loss, theft (police report required), or excessive damage such as a liquid spill: Additional fee up to \$500.

Student Name: _____ Class of: _____ Date: _____