

Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation

Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Student/Parent Agreement

Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation (CPCSC) considers technology integral to our learning environment and believes that it will only continue to grow in importance. In this age, students denied access to modern technology resources would be as unable to function in the learning environment as students denied books or pencils.

Therefore, given that a wide variety of digital electronic devices and Internet-based technologies are utilized at all grade levels across the curriculum in support of teaching, learning, and assessing traditional and technology standards, given that many traditional resources are now available online only, and given our requirement and obligation as a school district to teach technology standards and digital citizenship, **the use of modern educational resources such as computers and the Internet is an acknowledged condition of enrollment** at CPCSC.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to promote responsible use and protect students and the school corporation from liability resulting from any misuse of the school-issued device. Technology, on or off-campus, must be used in accordance with the mission and philosophy of Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation as well as the rules stated in the Student Handbook. These rules apply to all school computers, all school-provided electronic devices wherever used, all uses of school servers, and Internet access and networks regardless of how they are accessed. Teachers may set additional requirements for use in their respective classes.

All technology equipment issued by the district remains the property of CPCSC at all times. Therefore, there is no assumption of privacy. CPCSC reserves the right to inspect student devices at any time during the school year. Misuse of the device may result in disciplinary action.

Above all, the technology is provided for educational purposes, and the policies governing the use of the device support its academic use.

Digital Citizenship

Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation aims to educate holistically, developing students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society. In a growing digital society, CPCSC strives to prepare every student to be a positive digital contributor and a responsible digital citizen, focusing on Internet safety, privacy and security, creative credit and copyright, cyberbullying, and online reputation.

Responsible Use of Technology

It is important that users understand their responsibilities and conduct themselves as responsible learners at all times. The following statements represent the students' agreement about the responsible use of technology:

I Will:

- Bring any school-issued device to school fully charged each day.
- Follow CPCSC and building policies, rules, and regulations.
- Be a responsible Digital Citizen.
 - Keep private information private. (Username, password and identifying information are not to be shared with anyone other than parents/guardians.)
 - Treat others with respect both online and offline.
 - Use the device for school-related purposes during school hours.
 - Credit my sources when I am using other people's information, images, or other material.

- Respect the work of other students and not copy, alter or damage work that is not mine.
- Use cords, cables, and external ports with care.
- Keep any school-issued device protected from poor weather, secured and attended to at all times, and always inside of the school-issued case.
- Use school technology and resources only for educational purposes.

I Will Not:

- Share my username and/or password with others.
- Leave my device unattended.
- Place food or drink on or near any device.
- Store the device at home near pets or liquids.
- Place stickers, labels or any drawings on the device or case.
- Leave the device in extreme temperatures (i.e. hot car, outside overnight, etc.)
- Place heavy objects on top of the device. (i.e. textbook, backpack, etc.)
- Trade or swap my device with any other students.
- Access or attempt to access other people's files, private communications, schoolwork, programs, or resources without their permission.
- Use inappropriate language or pictures.
- Use any form of electronic communication to harass, intimidate, ridicule, or otherwise harm others.
- Take pictures and/or record audio/video without the consent of a staff member.
- Search for, possess, forward, send, read, view, or copy inappropriate pictures or information.
- Damage, change, or tamper with the hardware or network in any way.
- Use any other personal electronic devices, including cell phones, without specific approval from teachers or administrators.

Transporting Devices

- Each student that is issued a device will also be issued a protective case that must be used at all times.
- Each student must transport devices with care and inside the issued case.
- Do not place textbooks on the device or inside the issued case.
- Do not stuff the device/case in a book bag; extreme pressure on the device can cause permanent damage to the screen and other components.
- Do not leave pens, pencils, earbuds, or other items inside the device as these can cause the screen to crack and break when the device is closed.
- Never open the device by pushing on the touch screen.
- Never pick up the device with the screen open.
- Devices cannot be used in the cafeteria.
- Never leave the device in a car or bus. (Extreme temperatures can damage the battery.)

Liability

The parent/guardian/student is responsible for the cost to repair and/or replace the device, case, or charging cable/charger if the property is:

- not returned
- damaged
- lost
- stolen

All repair/replacement scenarios will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with a final decision being made by the building administration team if and when necessary.

Personal Safety

- Users should recognize that communicating on the Internet brings associated risks.
- Users should carefully safeguard their personal information and that of others.
- Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information over the Internet without parental and/or teacher permission.
- Students should never agree to meet someone they meet online in real life.
- If the user sees a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes him/ her concerned for his/her personal safety, it should be brought to the attention of school personnel or a parent immediately.

Media & Games

- Inappropriate media may not be used as backgrounds or as a profile picture. The presence of such media will result in disciplinary action.
- School technology is not intended to be a gaming device. Students should use their devices for educational purposes only.

Using School-Issued Devices Outside of School

- Students with a school-issued device are expected to use the device for educational purposes at home and other locations. Wi-Fi connection is encouraged but not mandatory. Applications can be used while not connected to the Internet.
- All content is filtered by the CPCSC network no matter the location.
- All expectations and policies apply to school-issued devices no matter the location.

Privacy

- There is no expectation of privacy. Students should have no expectation of confidentiality or privacy with respect to any usage of a device, regardless of whether that use is for school-related purposes or not, other than as specifically provided by law. CPCSC may, without prior notice or consent, log, supervise, access, view, monitor, and record use of a student device at any time for any reason related to the operation of the district. Teachers, school administrators, and the Technology Department may run usage reports as deemed necessary. Parents and guardians are highly recommended to continue to monitor their student's device usage at home. Working together as a team, we can ensure that all students remain safe and are using devices to leverage the best educational experience available.
- Students may be selected at random to provide the school-issued device for inspection. The purpose for inspection will be to check for proper care and maintenance as well as inappropriate material being carried into school.
- CPCSC balances the educational value of online resources with any privacy concerns that they may present. On occasion, CPCSC and CPCSC staff may leverage necessary online educational resources, such as *G Suite for Education*, that collect basic information, such as a student's first and last name and school-issued email address, based on the provider's policy and practices of safeguarding such information.

Restrictions & Limitations

- All devices have content filtering installed which will apply outside of school as well. (For example, if a student cannot access a social media site like Facebook at school, they will not be able to access it at home either.)
- CPCSC and Five Star Technology Solutions' personnel have the authority to run access reports for every device.

Damaged/Lost/Stolen Devices

- Users must report any damaged, lost, or stolen devices to school authorities.

- Users must bring damaged devices to the school's designated area.
- The device case distributed to students is specifically designed to protect the device. Damaged devices that are not in a district-issued case may result in becoming the financial responsibility of the student/parent.
- Students may be responsible for the full cost of technology for intentional or malicious damage.
- Devices that are stolen within the school building should be reported to building administration.
- Devices that are stolen outside the school building and beyond should be reported to law enforcement. A copy of the police report should be submitted to school administration.

Chromebook Device Repair/Replacement Fee

- CPCSC will offer device replacement coverage for the Chromebook. The cost of the policy will cover one repair/replacement of the device should an accident occur that damages the device. This cost of this coverage is automatically added to book rental each school year.
- If a parent/guardian declines the school provided replacement plan, please contact the school office for an opt-out form. Please note that if you opt out of the plan, full replacement and repair charges will be applied.

Progressive Technology Consequences

Low-level, first-time infractions will receive lesser consequences than infractions that are repetitive or more serious in nature. Each technology usage infraction will be evaluated by staff, and consequences will align with the progressive discipline options located in the student handbook.