

## Grace Christian School | TECHNOLOGY USAGE AGREEMENT

This policy is designed to help safeguard Grace Christian School and the facilities of First Baptist Church of Inverness, FL. This document will serve to inform school staff, school faculty, students, parents, and guardians about the proper and improper use of the school's computer resources and internet use on school premises.

GCS has very high standards and has provided for successful internet filtering hardware. Although GCS does its utmost to maintain internet access, we do not guarantee it will function at all times. Furthermore, GCS does not take responsibility for the accuracy or availability of internet links found within published supplemental curriculum resources. Even with the high level security standards, true privacy is limited, and the effectiveness of the internet filter cannot be guaranteed. Grace Christian School carefully monitors internet access.

Technology and internet usage at GCS is a privilege, not a right. Any student that engages in behavior that is deemed inappropriate by this policy or administration is subject to disciplinary action.

### Students:

- No food or drinks are allowed near any computer.
- Students must stay within the software of an online curriculum. An adult must be notified when a student is accessing an internet link outside of the teacher's instruction, including for the purpose of research.
- Installation or removal of any software/app from a GCS computer, whether malicious or otherwise, is prohibited.
- Students may not modify the settings on any class's website – i.e. Teaching Textbooks.
- All passwords for curriculum must be designated by GCS Administration
- Students may not vandalize hardware, change cords, change settings, swap out equipment or in any way modify the hardware configuration of a GCS computer.
- No personal computers are allowed on campus without the specific permission of a staff member.

### Improper Internet Usage:

- Students may not access social media or email on any device while on school premises.
- Chat rooms and messaging programs on any device are strictly prohibited.
- All internet-based games are prohibited except educational games that are approved by Administration for use of enrichment time or in classroom instruction.
- Internet may not be used to purchase or sell items, initiate stock trades, stream media of any kind (except what is linked specifically through an instructor's approved communication app), download pictures or music, or participate in online gambling.
- Internet use to commit plagiarism, steal software, infringe on copyright, or obtain illegal materials is strictly prohibited.

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature