

ACCEPTABLE USE OF CHROMEBOOKS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT CROSSROADS ACADEMY

Technology is used to support learning and enhance instruction. All technology used at Crossroads Academy must be used responsibly, ethically, and legally, as outlined in the bullet points below.

Please review these points, ask questions (if you have any), and indicate your understanding and agreement on the next page.

What devices are allowed, and when?

- Only *school-approved* Chromebooks are to be used at school.
- Cell phones brought to school must be turned off and kept in student lockers until students are back with their guardians.
- iPads may be brought to school and used *only with permission from a classroom teacher*.
- Smart watches and Fitbits *with* internet/Bluetooth/phone capability may be brought to school, but they must be kept in student lockers and turned off during the school day.
- Smart watches and Fitbits *without* internet/Bluetooth/phone capability may be worn in school. Parents and students must sign off (on a form separate from this one) that the device cannot connect to another device, send messages, or make calls. If the school discovers that the device can be or is connected, the device will be confiscated.
- Earbuds and headphones may only be used with permission of a supervising teacher. These devices must be removed from ears between classes (for example, while passing in the hallway or during recess and lunch).
- Echo/Meta Frames are *not* allowed at school.

How should devices and the internet be treated and used?

- All school devices must be treated with care and respect. What this looks like will be explained and modeled by teachers before devices are used.
- Loaner devices must be checked out and checked back in according to procedures that a Crossroads staff member will outline at the time of the loan.
- Downloading of new programs onto school Chromebooks or loaned devices is prohibited.
- Students are not allowed to play electronic games, except instructional games with permission and guidance from a classroom teacher.
- Students are not allowed to use generative AI (such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude) unless specifically assigned to do so by a teacher.
- Students may not share passwords or accounts or use anyone else's password or account.
- Students may not access the folders, files, or work of another user without permission.
- Technology in school may not involve any activity prohibited by the law or include any content that may be offensive. This would include, but is not limited to, content that is

threatening, harassing, racist, sexist, sexually suggestive or explicit, and exploitative (e.g., chain emails that urge people to make copies and share with others).

- All copyright laws and conventions for citing another person's ideas, words, and other creative products (e.g., images) also apply in using internet sources.

How will this policy be enforced?

- Students should have no expectation of electronic privacy. Student computer use will be monitored during the school day.
- If this Acceptable Use Policy is violated, disciplinary measures may include tech strikes, detention, confiscation of personal electronic devices, loss of technology privileges in school, suspension, or expulsion.

Note: A more detailed list of dos and don'ts appears in the Student-Parent Handbook.

Student: By signing and dating below, I confirm that I understand this Acceptable Use Policy and agree to follow it.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian: By signing and dating below, I confirm that I understand this Acceptable Use Policy, have discussed it with my student, and will support my student in following it. Also, I hereby give my permission to Crossroads Academy to issue a Google account for my child.

Signature _____ Date _____