CIRCLE CITY SCHOOLS

Circle City Schools Responsible Use of Technology & Internet – Parent Notice and Consent

Circle City Schools provides scholars with access to school-issued technology, including Chromebooks, the school network, and filtered Internet access, to enhance learning and support our academic mission. Use of school technology and network systems is a privilege, not a right. All use must support educational purposes and align with school expectations.

1. Educational Purpose

Chromebooks, school devices, and Internet access are provided to:

- Support daily academic instruction
- Enhance reading, math, and research skills
- Facilitate communication related to schoolwork
- Promote digital literacy and responsible technology use

The School does not guarantee the accuracy of information accessed through the Internet and is not responsible for costs, damages, or liabilities arising from misuse of technology.

2. Expectations for Acceptable Use

Scholars are expected to:

- Use school technology only for educational purposes
- Follow all staff directions regarding device use
- Keep login credentials and passwords secure
- Cite all sources properly and avoid plagiarism
- Treat devices with care and responsibility

There is no expectation of privacy when using school-issued devices or the school network. The School reserves the right to monitor, review, and access electronic communications and stored data to ensure responsible use and system integrity.

3. Prohibited Use

The following activities are strictly prohibited:

- Accessing, sending, or sharing inappropriate, obscene, sexually explicit, threatening, or illegal material
- Cyberbullying, harassment, or discriminatory communication
- Hacking, bypassing security filters, or attempting unauthorized access
- Sharing personal identification information (addresses, phone numbers, passwords, etc.)
- Downloading or copying copyrighted material without authorization
- Vandalizing, damaging, or attempting to disrupt school technology systems
- Using devices while privileges are suspended

Violations may result in loss of technology privileges, disciplinary action (including suspension or expulsion), and/or referral to law enforcement when required.

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4. Internet Safety & Filtering

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):

- The School utilizes Internet filtering and technology protection measures to block inappropriate content.
- Students are educated on digital citizenship, online safety, appropriate online behavior, and cyberbullying awareness.
- Staff supervise and monitor Internet usage.

While safeguards are in place, no filtering system is perfect. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss responsible online behavior with their child.

5. Device Care and Financial Responsibility

School-issued Chromebooks must be handled responsibly.
Families may be charged for damage resulting from intentional misuse or negligence, including but not limited to:

- Missing or broken chargers
- Missing keys
- Screen, camera, or hardware damage
- Missing or unreturned devices

Fees will not exceed the replacement cost of the device minus depreciation.

6. Privilege and Consequences

Access to school technology is a privilege. The School reserves the right to:

- Deny, suspend, or revoke technology access
- Impose disciplinary consequences consistent with the Family Handbook
- Report unlawful conduct to appropriate authorities

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

By selecting "I Agree" in the enrollment form, you acknowledge that:

- You have reviewed the Circle City Schools Responsible Use of Technology & Internet Policy.
- You understand that use of school technology is a privilege.
- You understand that violations may result in disciplinary consequences and/or financial responsibility for damage.
- You grant permission for your child to use school-issued devices and access the school network and Internet under these terms.