

Technology Acceptable Use Policy - Gr. 6-8

Learning. Creating. Connecting: Responsibly.

At Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, we embrace technology as a gift that allows us to learn, communicate, and grow together as a community. Being a digital citizen is a chance to live out our Catholic virtues online. When you make thoughtful choices, you stay safe and help keep our community positive for everyone.

How We Lead with Technology at GSCS:

1. Honor Your Identity

Choose usernames and profile photos that reflect the best version of yourself.

- Pause and reflect before posting, ensuring your photos and comments are something you are proud to share. Once posted, you cannot take it back.

2. Prioritize Your Safety

- Value your privacy by keeping personal details like your address, phone number or schedule confidential.
- Share images and videos in secure, private spaces where you and your peers feel safe.
- Guard your passwords as private keys to your digital life. This includes from your friends.

3. Build Others Up

- Lead with kindness and treat every person with the dignity they deserve, both online and off.
- Use your digital voice to support and encourage your peers, not shame, embarrass, or harm.

4. Be a Guardian for Your Community

- Help keep our community safe by speaking with a teacher or trusted adult if you see something concerning or unkind.
- Choose to share only content that is helpful, positive, and respectful.

5. Practice Integrity and Honesty

- Celebrate the work of others by always giving credit for the ideas, images, and words you use.
- Always ensure you are citing all sources appropriately.
- Collaborate with your teacher when using new tools like AI to ensure your work remains authentically yours.

Our Shared Learning Environment

School Accounts, School Devices, and Network Care

Your school-provided accounts (such as Google Workspace and Office 365) are dedicated spaces for discovery and growth. To ensure everyone has a safe and focused learning experience, these tools are supported and monitored by the school. GSCS devices are to be used for educational purposes to help you learn and demonstrate that learning.

Focusing on Learning (Personal Connected Devices)

To help everyone stay present and engaged with their teachers and classmates, we keep our school day free from the distractions of personal devices.

Keep it Tucked Away: Please ensure phones and other personal devices are turned off or silenced and kept out of sight from the start to the end of the school day.

Stay Present: Wearable technology (like smart watches) should remain in silent mode, allowing you to focus fully on your learning and friendships without digital interruptions.