

Technology Acceptable Use Policy - Gr. 9-12

Learning. Creating. Connecting: Responsibly.

At Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, technology is an essential part of how we learn, communicate, and grow as digital citizens. With that privilege comes responsibility. This Acceptable Use Policy outlines how students are expected to use technology in a way that is safe, respectful, and consistent with our Catholic virtues.

In today's connected world, being a good digital citizen is just as important as being a good citizen offline. The choices you make online matter, for your safety, your reputation, and the well-being of others.

How We Lead with Technology at GSCS:

1. Honor Your Identity

- Use appropriate usernames, screen names, and profile photos.
- Think before you post, whether it's a photo, comment, or video. Once something is online, it can be hard to take back.

2. Prioritize Your Safety

- Never share personal information (like your full name, address, phone number, or daily schedule) online.
- Avoid posting pictures or videos of yourself or others on public platforms.
- Keep your passwords private, even from your friends.

3. Build Others Up

- Treat people with kindness and dignity, online and offline.
- Do not post or share anything that could embarrass, shame, or harm someone else.

4. Be a Guardian for Your Community

- If you come across harmful, inappropriate, or abusive content, report it to a teacher, school staff member, or trusted adult.
- Do not forward or repost inappropriate images, messages, or videos, even as a joke.

5. Practice Integrity and Honesty

- Ensure credit is always given to work that was not authentically yours, including AI.
- Cite your sources properly, whether it's text, images, audio, or video.
- Using AI tools for assignments must be teacher-approved. Misuse is considered plagiarism.

School Accounts and Network Monitoring

Our school-provided accounts (such as Google Workspace and Microsoft 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.

Personal Devices (Phones, Wearable Connected Devices, Tablets, Laptops, etc.)

These personal devices are restricted during instructional time.

Here's what's expected:

- Devices are not to be accessed and must be on silent during instructional time unless direct permission is given by your teacher.
- Do not take photos or videos of others without their clear consent.
- Never use your device to harass, threaten, cheat, or engage in illegal activity, at any time.