

## **Western Sierra Charter School's Chromebook Policy**

Western Sierra Charter Schools (WSCS) has initiated a program to loan each student that is actively enrolled in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade a Chromebook laptop computer, including a protective case and an AC adapter. The Chromebook is provided by WSCS **for educational use only** by students at school and at home.

Students and their parents/guardians are reminded that use of School technology tools, resources, and services is governed by the Internet Use Agreement which can be found on the school's website. To understand the expectations of WSCS schools, students and their parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing the policy.

Students and their parents/guardians should be aware that use of WSCS technology tools, resources, and services is subject to reasonable and appropriate monitoring by WSCS and school administration in accordance with the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws.

### **Ownership of the Chromebook and Related Peripherals**

The Western Sierra Charter Schools retains sole right of possession of the Chromebook and related peripherals. The Chromebooks are lent to the students for educational purposes only for the academic year. Moreover, WSCS administrative staff and faculty retain the right to collect and/or inspect Chromebooks at any time, and to alter, add or delete installed software or hardware.

### **Student Privacy**

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality or privacy with respect to any usage of a school-owned Chromebook, regardless of whether that use is for school-related or personal purposes (which is prohibited), other than as specifically provided by law. In order to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the WSCS shall filter student internet access when using the Chromebook. Internet filtering shall be in place both when the

Chromebook is being used in school, as well as when it is being used away from the WSCS network.

WSCS may, without prior notice or consent, log, monitor and supervise use of WSCS- owned Chromebooks at any time when there is reason to believe that the student has engaged in school-related misconduct or when there are technical difficulties with the device. By using a school-owned Chromebook, students agree to such logging, monitoring, and supervision of their use.

WSCS shall not make use of the camera or microphone on a WSCS-owned or issued device for remote monitoring or data collection purposes at any time. The WSCS shall not make use of classroom management or screen monitoring software when WSCS-owned or issued devices are used away from the WSCS network.

## **Responsibility for the Chromebook and Related Peripherals**

Students are solely responsible for the Chromebook and peripherals assigned to them and shall adhere to the following terms and conditions:

- Students shall be actively enrolled in a WSCS school.
- Students shall comply with Internet Acceptable Use Policy and student handbook for Staff and Students” when using the Chromebook.
- Students participating in workshops or classes should bring their Chromebooks to school and make sure it is fully charged. (Note, a fully charged Chromebook should last the length of a school day). If the Chromebook is missing from school for an extended period of time, the Chromebook shall be considered stolen and a police report may be filed.
- The student shall be the exclusive user of this device and shall not grant access to any other individual.

- Students shall sign into the Chromebook using their WSCS assigned Google Apps for Education account.
- Students shall treat their device with care and never leave it in an unsecured location.
- Students shall keep their device in a protective case when traveling. Each student shall be assigned a case to be used to protect their assigned Chromebook.
- Students shall not remove or interfere with the serial number and other identification tags on the Chromebook.
- Students shall not attempt to disassemble, remove or change the physical structure of the Chromebook, including the keys, screen cover or plastic casing.
- Students shall not attach stickers or labels to the Chromebook or add any markings to the Chromebook or school provided shell. A student may purchase their own removable “shell” or “skin” for the Chromebook, at their own cost, and personalize the shell or skin.
- Students shall not attempt to install or run any operating system on the Chromebook other than the ChromeOS operating system supported by the school.
- Students shall keep the device issued to them clean and shall not touch the screen with anything (e.g., finger, pen, pencil, etc.) other than approved computer screen cleaners.
- Students shall promptly report any problems with their Chromebook to one of their teachers or by directly emailing [support@wscsfamily.org](mailto:support@wscsfamily.org)
- Chromebooks and peripherals shall be returned in good working order to WSCS at the end of each school year, at the request of the Administration of the Western Sierra Charter Schools, or at the time of transfer or withdrawal from the Western Sierra Charter Schools. Failure to return the computer in good working order shall result in the student/parents/guardian being responsible for the full replacement cost of the computer and peripherals.

## Digital Citizenship

Students must follow the six conditions of being a good digital citizen:

1. **Respect Yourself.** I will show respect for myself through my actions. I will select online names that are appropriate, I will consider the information and images that I post online. I will consider what personal information about my life, experiences, experimentation or relationships I post. I will not be obscene.
2. **Protect Yourself.** I will ensure that the information, images and materials I post online will not put me at risk. I will not publish my personal details, contact details or a

schedule of my activities. I will report any attacks or inappropriate behavior directed at me. I will protect passwords, accounts and resources.

3. **Respect Others.** I will show respect to others. I will not use electronic mediums to antagonize, bully, harass or stalk other people. I will show respect for other people in my choice of websites; I will not visit sites that are degrading, pornographic, racist or inappropriate. I will not abuse my rights of access and I will not enter other people's private accounts, spaces or areas.
4. **Protect Others.** I will protect others by reporting abuse, not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications; I will moderate unacceptable materials and conversations, and not visit sites that are degrading, pornographic, racist or inappropriate.
5. **Respect Intellectual Property.** I will request permission to use resources. I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media etc. I will acknowledge all primary sources. I will validate information. I will use and abide by the fair use rules.
6. **Protect Intellectual Property.** I will request to use the software and media others produce. I will use free and open source alternatives rather than pirating software. I will purchase, license and register all software. I will purchase my music and media, and refrain from distributing these in a manner that violates their licenses. I will act with integrity.

## Copyright and File Sharing

Students are required to follow all copyright laws around all media including text, images, programs, applications, music, and video. Downloading, sharing, and posting online illegally obtained media is prohibited.

## Spare Equipment and Lending

If the Chromebook issued to a student is inoperable, the school has a limited number of spare devices for use while the original Chromebook is repaired or replaced. This agreement shall remain in effect and is applicable to loaner computers. The student may not opt to keep an inoperable Chromebook to avoid doing class work due to loss or damage. If a student does not bring his/her Chromebook to school, the student may be required to borrow a device from the school based on direction from his/her teacher.

## **Equipment Damage and Repair**

WSCS shall repair or replace damaged equipment and/or peripherals resulting from normal use. The cost of all other breakages, accidental or intentional, shall be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian. These instances shall be reviewed on a case by case basis by the school principal and Director of Technology. WSCS shall make its best attempt to purchase replacement parts at the best possible.

Loss or theft of the device is the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian and shall result in the student/parent/guardian being charged the full replacement cost.

## **Insurance**

Optional insurance through a third party provider shall be made available for students and their families to purchase, if they so choose. Some items may be covered by an existing homeowners/renters policy. Please check with your insurance agent about this possibility.