

CHROMEBOOK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY SAMUEL MICKLE SCHOOL



The third through sixth grade students of Samuel Mickle School will be issued Google Chromebooks for use in school. This document provides students and their parents/guardians with information about taking care of the equipment, using it to complete assignments, and being a good digital citizen.

Students and their parents/guardians are reminded that use of technology is a privilege and not a right and that everything done on any device, network, or electronic communications device may be monitored by the school authorities. Inappropriate use of the technology can result in limited or banned computer use and/or disciplinary consequences.

Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing/signing the Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy and returning it to their classroom teacher prior to use.

OWNERSHIP of the CHROMEBOOK:

Samuel Mickle School retains sole right of possession of the Chromebook. School administration and faculty retain the right to collect and/or inspect Chromebooks at any time.

TRAINING:

Students will be trained on how to use the Chromebook by their classroom teacher.

RESPONSIBILITY for the CHROMEBOOK:

1. Students are solely responsible for the Chromebooks issued to them.
2. Students must comply with the Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy and all policies of the school when using their Chromebook.
3. Students must treat their device with care and never leave it unattended.
4. Students must promptly report any problems with their Chromebook to the teacher leading the lesson.
5. Students may not remove or interfere with the serial number or other identification.
6. Students may not attempt to remove or change the physical structure of the Chromebook, including the keys, screen cover or casing.
7. Students must secure the Chromebook in the case supplied by the school district when they are being moved from classroom to classroom. That case should be completely zipped and carried by the handle or strap.
8. Students should never carry their Chromebook while the screen is open, unless directed to do so by the teacher.
9. Students may not attempt to install or run any operating system on the Chromebook other than the ChromeOS operating system supported by the school.
10. Students must keep their device clean and must not touch the screen with anything (e.g., your finger, pen, pencil, etc.) other than approved computer screen cleaners.
11. No food or drink is allowed next to your Chromebook while the screen is open.
12. Chromebooks should be shut down when not in use to conserve battery life. At the end of the school day it is the student's responsibility to place it into the classroom docking station and plug it into the appropriate charger.
13. Chromebooks should never be shoved into a desk as this may break the screen.

INSURANCE:

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase accidental damage insurance for Chromebooks. The policy covers any accidental damage that may happen to a Chromebook. Families who do not opt in to accidental damage insurance may be charged for each instance of accidental damage.

RESPONSIBILITY for ELECTRONIC DATA:

Users of school technology have no rights, ownership, or expectations of privacy to any data that is, or was, stored on the Chromebook, school network, or any school-issued applications and are given no guarantees that data will be retained or destroyed.

COPYRIGHT and FILE SHARING:

Students are required to follow all copyright laws around all media including text, images, programs, music, and video. Downloading, sharing, and posting online illegally obtained media is against the Acceptable Use Policy.

MANAGING YOUR FILES and SAVING YOUR WORK:

Students may save documents to their Google Drive which will make the files accessible from any computer with Internet access. Students using Google Drive to work on their documents will not need to save their work, as Drive will save each keystroke as the work is being completed. Students will be trained on proper file management procedures.

SPARE EQUIPMENT and LENDING:

If a student's Chromebook is inoperable, the school has a limited number of spare devices for use while the student's Chromebook is repaired or replaced. This agreement remains in effect for loaner Chromebooks. Loss of privileges and/or disciplinary action may result for failure to turn in the Chromebook.

ORIGINALLY INSTALLED SOFTWARE:

Chromebook software is delivered via the Chrome Web Store. These are web-based applications that do not require installation space on a hard drive. Some applications, such as Google Drive, are available for offline use. The software originally installed on the Chromebook must remain on the Chromebook in usable condition and easily accessible at all times. From time to time, the school may add software applications for use in a particular area of study. This process will be automatic with virtually no impact on students. Applications that are no longer needed will automatically be removed by the school. Students are not permitted to add apps or extensions to their Chromebooks and are blocked from this type of function.

INSPECTION

Students may be selected at random to provide their Chromebook for inspection. The purpose for inspection will be to check for proper care, maintenance and inappropriate use.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP:

Students must follow the six conditions of begin 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 personal information and images that I post online. I will NOT be inappropriate. I will not visit sites that are inappropriate.
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 schedule of my activities. I will report any 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 bother other people. I will show respect for other people in my choice of websites.

4. **PROTECT OTHERS** I will protect others by reporting abuse, not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications; I will moderate unacceptable materials and conversations.

5. **RESPECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** I will request permission to use resources. I will cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc. I will acknowledge all primary sources. I will validate information.

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 act with integrity.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STUDENT CHROMEBOOK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

1. Violations of these policies may result in one of the following but not limited to these disciplinary actions:

- Restitution (money paid in compensation for theft, loss, or damage)
- Student/Parent Conference with school administrator/principal or other school official
- Removal of unauthorized files and folders
- Restriction of Internet and Chromebook privileges*
- Detention or suspension

2. If a violation of the Student Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy violates other rules of the Student Code of Conduct, consequences appropriate for violation of those rules may also be imposed.

*If a student's Internet privileges are restricted, this means that for the period of the restriction, the student may only access the Google Drive offline and will not be permitted to access the Internet without strict teacher supervision.

**CHROMEBOOK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
SIGNATURE FORM**

By signing below, the student and their parent/guardian understand, accept, and agree to follow:

1. Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy
2. Website and Social Media Guidelines (Below)
3. The Chromebook and software is owned by Samuel Mickle Elementary School



WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES:

GUIDELINES	Student Initials	Parent Initials
Be aware of what you post online. Website and social media venues are very public. What you contribute leaves a digital footprint for all to see. Do not post anything you wouldn't want friends, parents, teachers, future colleges, or employers to see.		
Follow the school's code of conduct when writing online. It is acceptable to disagree with other's opinions; however, do it in a respectful way. Make sure that criticism is constructive and not hurtful. What is inappropriate in the classroom is inappropriate online.		
Be safe online. Never give out personal information, including, but not limited to, last names, phone numbers, addresses, exact birthdates, and pictures. Do not share your password with anyone besides your teachers and parents.		
Do your own work! Do not use other people's intellectual property without their permission. Be aware that it is a violation of copyright law to copy and paste other's thoughts. It is good practice to hyperlink to your sources. As per BOE policy #5701-Plagiarism: A pupil found guilty of academic dishonesty may be subjected to a full range of penalties including, but not limited to, reprimand and loss of credit for all of the work that is plagiarized.		
Be aware that pictures may also be protected under copyright laws. Verify that you have permission to use the image or that it is under Creative Commons attribution.		
Online work should be well written. Follow writing conventions including proper grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.		
How you represent yourself online is an extension of yourself. Do not misrepresent yourself by using someone else's identify.		
If you run across inappropriate material that makes you feel uncomfortable or is not respectful, tell your teacher right away.		
I will care for my Chromebook by following the rules outlined in the Responsibility section of the acceptable use policy.		

PRINT STUDENT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

