



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Friends Christian Middle School is participating in a School-Owned Chromebook Loan initiative in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade this school year. Students in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be required to take on loan a school-owned Chromebook to use for educational purposes throughout the school year. Students are not permitted to bring their own device to school. These devices will be monitored and filtered through GoGuardian continuously. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century. Use of school-owned Chromebooks will also help ensure student compliance with digital citizenship policies by severely limiting potential access to non-educational sites both on and off campus.

Educational Activities

Student devices will be used to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organization. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analyzing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

Digital Citizenship

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

Safe and Secure

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students. They will not be permitted to use any other Internet connection while on campus. As well, students will only be able to use their device under the direct supervision of their teacher. Any unauthorized use can result in the device being confiscated, searched, and privileges being revoked.

As in previous years, students are not allowed to use cell phones from the time of arrival at school through the end of the school day. Phones are to be turned off and placed in backpacks throughout the instructional day. At the time of dismissal and throughout after school pick up, students may use cell phones to call or text parents or drivers to coordinate after school activities ONLY. Use of a cell phone for any other purpose during dismissal is prohibited and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Friends Christian School is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

We look forward to the educational opportunities this initiative will bring. To learn more:

- Review the [Electronic Device Policy](#) with your child.
- Refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) sheet.

During the enrollment process, you read and agreed to the [Digital Use Policy](#). No additional forms need to be submitted.

Devices will be picked-up either at Meet Your Teacher or on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Joy Swift