



## **ST. MARYS CITY SCHOOLS CHROMEBOOK LOAN AGREEMENT**

### **Student Chromebook Use Agreement**

SMCS encourages students to utilize technology to promote excellence in our schools by developing resource sharing, innovation and communication skills that are essential to both life and work. Students should use all District-owned or provided technology and technology, including Chromebooks and the Internet, in an appropriate manner-and in support of education and research, consistent with the educational objectives of SMCS.

Student use of District-owned or provided technology is a privilege and students are responsible for the appropriate use of all electronic devices and technology media that are provided by the SMCS. Technology for purposes of this Agreement includes, but is not limited to: Chromebooks, computers, other hardware, electronic devices, software, Internet, e-mail, and networks. This Agreement, in conjunction with SMCS Board of Education Policy, Acceptable Use and Internet Safety for the Computer Network of the SMCS, sets forth the general guidelines and expectations regarding student use of Chromebooks issued by the SMCS.

One (1) Chromebook and one (1) charger are being lent to the Student and are in good working order. It is the Student's responsibility to care for the equipment and ensure that it is retained in a safe environment.

This equipment is, and at all times remains, the property of the St. Marys City Schools (SMCS) and is herewith lent to the student for educational purposes only for the academic school year. The student may not deface or destroy this property in any way. Inappropriate use of the machine may result in the student losing his or her right to use the Chromebook. The equipment will be returned when requested by SMCS, or sooner, if the student withdraws from SMCS prior to the end of the school year.

The SMCS property may be used by the Student only for noncommercial purposes, in accordance with SMCS policies and rules, the SMCS Acceptable Use Policy, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

Student may not install or use any software other than software owned or approved by SMCS and made available to the Student in accordance with this Chromebook Loan Agreement.

One user with specific privileges and capabilities has been set up on the Chromebook for the exclusive use of the Student to which it has been assigned. The Student agrees to make no attempts to change or allow others to change the privileges and capabilities of this user account.

The student may not make any attempt to add, delete, access, or modify other users' accounts on the Chromebook or on any school owned computer.

The SMCS network is provided for the academic use of all students and staff. The Student agrees to take no action that would interfere with the efficient, academic use of the network.

Identification labels have been placed on the Chromebook. Student agrees not to remove or modify these labels. If the labels become damaged or missing, contact tech support for replacement. Student agrees not to affix additional stickers, labels, tags, or markings of any kind to the machine.

An email account will be available for each Student to use for appropriate academic communication with other students and staff members only. This email is for communication within the school district.

Student agrees to use best efforts to ensure that the SMCS property is not damaged or rendered inoperable by any malicious code or program, including, but not limited to bugs, spyware, viruses, and worms.

The Student acknowledges and agrees that the Student's use of the SMCS property is a privilege and that by the Student's agreement to the terms of this Chromebook Loan Agreement, the Student acknowledges the Student's responsibility to protect and safeguard the SMCS property and to return the same in good condition upon request by SMCS.

## **Responsibilities**

### **Parent Responsibilities**

Your son/daughter has been issued a Chromebook to improve and personalize his/her education this year. It is essential that the following guidelines be followed to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of this computer:

- I will supervise my child's use of the Chromebook at home.
- I will discuss the expectations regarding the use of the Internet and email at home. (School Acceptable Use Policy)
- I will supervise my child's use of the Internet and email.
- I will not attempt to repair the Chromebook, nor will I attempt clean it with anything other than a soft, dry cloth.
- I will report to the school any problems with the Chromebook.
- I will not load or delete any software from the Chromebook.
- I will make sure my child recharges the Chromebook battery nightly.
- I will make sure my child brings the Chromebook to school every day.
- I understand that if my child comes to school without the Chromebook, I may be called to bring it to school.
- I agree to make sure that the Chromebook is returned to school when requested and if my child withdraws from St. Marys City Schools.

## **Student Responsibilities**

Your Chromebook is an important learning tool and is to be used for educational purposes only. In order to take your Chromebook home each day, you must be willing to accept the following responsibilities:

- When using the Chromebook at home, at school, and anywhere else I may take it, I will follow the policies of SMCS, including, but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy, and abide by all local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
- I will treat the Chromebook with care by not dropping it, getting it wet, leaving it outdoors, or using it with food or drink nearby,
- I will not lend the Chromebook to anyone, not even my friends or siblings; it will stay in my possession at all times or stored in a secure location.
- I will not load software that is inappropriate for school onto the Chromebook.
- I will not use my Chromebook with personal email accounts.
- I will not remove programs or files from the Chromebook, that have not been authorized by the school.
- I will not give personal information when using the Chromebook.
- I will bring the Chromebook to school every day.
- I agree that email (or any other computer communication) should be used only for appropriate, legitimate, and responsible communication.
- I will keep all accounts and passwords assigned to me secure, and will not share these with any other students or individuals.
- I will not attempt to repair the Chromebook.
- I will return the Chromebook when requested and if I withdraw from SMCS

## A. General Terms and Conditions of Use

### Purpose

District-provided Chromebooks are intended to be used exclusively in connection with the instructional and educational activities of the School District, to enhance the quality of student learning. Inappropriate use by a student of a District-provided Chromebook, including, but not limited to-obscene, pornographic, harassing, threatening, bullying, intimidating, or other inappropriate activities through the use of e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, social media, or other hardware or software present on the Chromebook, which inappropriate use disrupts or otherwise interferes with the safety and welfare of the school community is prohibited, even if such use takes place off school property (i.e.-home, business, private property, etc.).

#### a. Specifically Prohibited Uses

- i. Transmission of any material in violation of federal, state, or local law, School Board Policy, regulation or the Student Code of Conduct is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized use of copyrighted material; threatening, obscene, or pornographic material; unauthorized use of materials or information protected by trade secret; uploaded or created computer viruses; and photos or any material that might be considered to be harassing, obscene or bullying to another student, faculty or staff member. The illegal use, distribution or transfer of copyrighted material on the Chromebook is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Use of the Chromebook for commercial activities is prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the Board of Education in advance and in writing. Commercial activity includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - any activity that requires an exchange of money and/or credit card numbers;
  - any activity that requires entry into an area of service for which the school will be charged a fee;
  - a purchase or sale of any kind; and
  - any use for product advertisement or political lobbying.

## B. Acceptable Use During the Instructional Day

The following rules are in effect during the instructional day for all SMCS students who are issued Chromebooks pursuant to this Agreement, unless otherwise directed by a teacher or administrator:

- Student is responsible for bringing the Chromebook to class every day.
- Instant messages; and/or accessing personal web pages or social media pages with the Chromebook during the instructional day are prohibited unless approved by instructional staff members.
- Student is responsible for protecting the Chromebook at all times. The Chromebook must remain in an approved case when not in use.
- Headphones may be used with the Chromebook during the instructional day, as long as the use does not interfere with the instructional program or otherwise instructed by the teacher or administrator.
- Accessing chat rooms is permitted only as a part of an approved instructional program by a teacher or administrator.

### C. Maintenance and Other Restrictions

- It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that personal, student-loaded files do not consume memory space needed for instructional or educational requirements.
- The Chromebook must only be cleaned with approved cleaners.
- Stickers or other adhesives may not be placed on the Chromebook.
- Pornographic or obscene images, language or materials, including screen savers, backdrops, and/or pictures, are prohibited.
- File sharing must be approved and directed by the teacher or administrator. I will not attempt to repair the Chromebook, nor will I attempt to clean it with anything other than a soft, dry cloth. I will report to the school any problems with the Chromebook.

### D. Privacy, Personal Responsibility and Integrity

All who use technology resources must recognize that the work of users is valuable; therefore, every user must respect the privacy of others. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent or assume the identity of other users. Students are not permitted to use District-provided technology, including, but not limited to Chromebooks, to post or share videos or other data on the internet relating to other students, faculty or staff.

To protect students, the filtering software will filter or block Internet access to inappropriate material. Students may not intentionally or unintentionally remove, obstruct or otherwise circumvent the filtering software at any time.

All students are expected to behave responsibly and with integrity when using technology. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Technology is to be used exclusively for school related purposes during the instructional day.
- Revealing personal information about yourself online is discouraged and revealing unauthorized information about others is prohibited.
- Do not copy, change, read, or use files in another user's storage area (such as hard drive or network space, e-mail, personal folders, etc.) without the user's permission.
- Do not modify, tamper with, or attempt to modify the Internet filtering.

Because the Chromebooks are property of the SMCS, and as such are public property, the use thereof can and will be monitored in accordance with applicable Board Policy. Furthermore, all District provided Chromebook users are advised that there is no expectation of privacy when using the District-provided Chromebooks.

### E. Security

Security on any electronic system is a high priority. Attempts of a user to log on to the network using another's identity are prohibited. Bypassing or attempting to bypass filtering software is prohibited. All security problems must be reported to an administrator-immediately.

## F. Alteration of Computer Configurations

Altering or modifying the original pre-set software is prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Loading software applications not authorized by Technology staff.
- Changing the desktop or background picture.
- Changing the Chromebook name.
- Changing or removing operating system extensions.
- Altering security/filtering software.
- Altering the pre-loaded operating system or applications.
- Taking apart the Chromebook for access to internal parts.

## G. Inspection and Copying of Correspondence

All correspondence transmitted on or from the Chromebook is subject to availability for inspection and copying in accordance to O.R.C. Section 149.43.

## H. Repairs

**Absolutely ALL repairs will be completed by SMCS Technology Staff. No student, parent/guardian or staff has permission to alter, repair or attempt to alter or repair the Chromebook in any way.**

## I. Violation of this Agreement

Violations of this Agreement, or any other School Board Policy relating to the use of technology and the internet, will result in serious disciplinary action, which may include an arrest if federal, state or local law is violated. Examples of illegal violations may include computer hacking or trespassing, harassment or threats via Chromebook, and computer fraud. Ignorance of the policies and/or laws will not excuse an infraction.

Other actions for violations may include long-term suspension, expulsion, or any action deemed appropriate by the Administration in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and SMCS Board of Education Policies, Student Discipline, and Removal, Suspension, Expulsion and Permanent Exclusion of Students, as applicable.

Possible Dispositions for Violations (one or more may apply):

- Student Conference
- Parent Contact
- Conference with Parent
- Removal of unauthorized files and folders
- Saturday School
- In-School Suspension
- Out-of-School Suspension
- School Resource Officer/Law Enforcement Agencies
- Court Referral
- Restitution
- Community Service
- Revocation of Chromebook Access and Use
- RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Students/Parents are responsible for the cost of any repair while the Chromebook is in their possession.**

Estimated Repair Costs	Broken Screen	Keyboard Replacement	Power Adapter Cord	Battery Replacement	Case New/Used	Device Replacement
Students are responsible for the full cost of repairs.	\$110	\$100	\$20/ \$12	\$60	\$15/\$10	\$235

- SMCS reserves the right to charge for the entire replacement cost if negligence is determined on the handling of the device
- If the device is stolen, students are responsible for obtaining a police report.
- A loaner device will be issued while the student's device is being repaired.
- **A loaner device will not be given out unless all insurance payments are up to date.**
- Replacement part prices are subject to change depending on the market.
- Two major repairs per middle school time and 2 major repairs for high school time.
  - Major repairs are considered anything over \$100.

c. Chromebook Technical Support

(Technical support will be handled through the SMCS Technology Department.)

- Hardware maintenance and repairs
- User account support
- Coordination and completion of warranty repairs
- Distribution of loaner Chromebooks
- ALL REPAIRS must be completed by the SMCS Technology Department

**Effective and Expiration**

The Chromebook is required to be returned in good order to the school.

The Chromebook is the sole and exclusive property of the SMCS. The District reserves the right to inspect the Chromebook at any time.

In accordance with Board Policy, Acceptable Use and Internet Safety for the Computer Network of the SMCS, the student and parent will be held liable for the assigned Chromebook until the designated due date. The Chromebook must be in the same working order as it was when it was checked out/issued. The parent of the student will be held responsible for the Chromebook if stolen, lost, or damaged. Failure to return the Chromebook, or the return of a damaged machine, may result in legal action.

d. PRIVACY

Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for your education. The School District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and remain the

property of the School District and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

#### e. FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY

The user's use of the computer network and Internet is a privilege, not a right. A user who violates this Policy, shall at a minimum, have his/her access to the computer network and Internet terminated, which the School District may refuse to reinstate for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the School District. A user violates this policy by his/her own action or by failing to report any violations by other users that come to the attention of the user. Further, a user violates this Policy if she/he permits another to use his/her account or password to access the computer network and Internet, including any user whose access has been denied or terminated. The School District may also take other disciplinary action in such circumstances.

#### f. WARRANTIES/ INDEMNIFICATION

The School District makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its computer networks and the Internet provided under this Policy. It shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages or costs (including attorney's fees) of any kind suffered, directly or indirectly, by any user or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) arising out of the user's use of its computer networks or the Internet under this Policy. By signing this Policy, users are taking full responsibility for his/her use, and the user who is eighteen (18) or older or, in the case of a user under eighteen (18), the parent(s) or guardian(s) are agreeing to indemnify and hold the School, the School District, the Data Acquisition Site that provides the computer and Internet access opportunity to the School District and all of their administration, teachers, and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims or, damages resulting from the user's access to its computer network and the Internet, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchases of goods or services by the user. The user or, if the user is a minor, the user's parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to cooperate with the School in the event of the School's initiating an investigation of a user's use of his/her access to its computer network and the Internet, whether that use is on a School computer or on another computer outside the School District's network.

#### g. UPDATES

Users, and if appropriate, the user's parents/guardians, may be asked from time to time to provide new or additional registration and account information or to sign a new Policy, for example, to reflect developments in the law or technology. Such information must be provided by the user (or his/her parents or guardian) or such new Policy must be signed if the user wishes to continue to receive service. If after you have provided your account information, some or all of the information changes, you must notify the person designated by the School to receive such information.





**St. Marys City Schools Chromebook Loan Agreement  
and Acceptable Use Policy Signature Page**

**(NOTE: This page must be signed and returned before a student is able to  
access and take school-owned technology equipment home.)**

I have read and agree to abide by the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines, and the Chromebook Loan Agreement. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy and Guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense. As a user of the Board's computers/ network and the Internet, I agree to communicate over the Internet and the Network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines. I have read and understand the responsibilities of use of the school owned equipment.

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to the Network/Internet to individuals who violate the Board's Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related Guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that my son/daughter will adhere to the following:

1. I give permission for my child to use and access the Internet at school and for the Board of Education to issue an Internet/email account to my child.
  
2. I have read and understand the responsibilities of my child's use of the school owned equipment.

Student Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ATTENTION PARENT(S)\*\***

**SIGN AND RETURN ASAP TO ST. MARYS CITY SCHOOLS**

**SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THIS PAGE FOR  
CHROMEBOOK/TECHNOLOGY USAGE**