



FRIENDSHIP

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FCS 1:1 Device Initiative

How will parents/guardians be involved in the Technology Curriculum Plan?

At least one parent/guardian will be expected to view and agree to the instructional information regarding laptop usage. The parent/guardian will be expected to view and agree to the school's responsible use policy for technology. The parent/guardian should learn how to access their child's schoolwork on the laptop when it is at home.

When will 9th -12th grade students receive the laptop?

During the first week of school, after students have received training, laptops will be given to the students.

Why are the students taking the laptops home?

The laptops, just as textbooks, are an investment made by the school for the benefit of our students. We feel that students should be able to access this investment at home as well as in school. Students are expected to take home their laptop every night and return with a charged laptop at school every morning. Teachers will determine the frequency of laptop use and what learning activities will be completed with it.

How do I charge the laptop?

When you receive the laptop, you will also receive a wall charger and cord. The charger is similar to other laptop chargers. We suggest finding a consistent place to charge the laptop every night since the expectation is that students arrive at school every day with a fully charged laptop.

How do I take care of the laptop?

The laptop will have a case designed to protect the laptop from damage from daily use, being transported in a backpack, etc.

How do I clean the laptop?

The screen may need to be cleaned periodically. There are many good tutorials online you may follow. Do not clean the screen with any sort of abrasive material. A soft cloth damp with warm water may be used for extremely dirty screens. The best way to clean the screen is to use a microfiber cloth commonly used to clean phone and tablet screens or eyeglasses.

What if my student accidentally breaks or loses the laptop?

Although this might seem like a strong possibility, we expect this to be an unlikely situation. The laptop carrying case is specifically designed with travel between school and home in mind. Practicing responsible care routines with your student is the best way to prevent breakage or loss. In the event that the laptop is damaged or lost, you are expected to cover the costs for the repair or replacement of the laptop, just as we do for damaged or lost textbooks. The repair and replacement costs are listed below.

Factory defects are covered by a warranty and only apply to BRAND NEW computers. This usually only applies to incoming freshmen. If you do suspect a factory defect, please notify the school immediately.

Charging plug/cord replacement - \$25 - Full replacement cost is required

Case Replacement - \$30 - Full replacement cost is required

Lost - Full replacement cost - \$300 (Computer plus protective case)

Intentionally damaged - Full replacement cost - \$270

Cracked Screen - \$60

Stolen - Must have a police report - Will be replaced from available units.

Can my student access the Internet at home?

Yes. The laptop can be connected to external Wi-Fi networks. There is a CIPA compliant filter installed on the laptop that will prevent students from accessing harmful content as defined by the Child Internet Protection Act. We strongly encourage a password protected Wi-Fi environment and supervised Internet use for your child as the school has no control or liability over content accessed outside the school network.

What if we don't have Internet accessibility at home?

If there is no internet access at home, the laptop can still be used in an offline state. Any e-textbooks can be downloaded while at school and viewed offline. The teacher would need to be aware of any work that is accomplished in an offline state and synced when the student returns to campus. Additionally, the public library and many other establishments offer free Wi-Fi access to patrons.

Should I allow my child to access the Internet at home?

We believe that teacher directed online resources are enriching for students. Providing access to these learning opportunities outside of the school day is one of the goals of this program. We believe supervised access to the Internet is beneficial for students, and recognize that parents and families should make decisions about their children's access to the Internet at home.

Is there a camera on the laptop?

Yes, however, the camera is disabled.

Can we install our own software at home?

No. Our policy is that students will not have administrative rights to install software. Teachers and administrators determine what software is installed on the laptops.

What if my student forgets the laptop at home?

Bringing a charged laptop to school every day is part of being a responsible student at FCS. We will be encouraging routines that include laptop use in class every day, so it is important that your student comes to school with the laptop. Accidents do happen, so in the event that a student forgets their laptop and you are unable to bring it to school, we will try to help accommodate your student in the classroom so that they can participate, however a replacement laptop will not be provided. We strongly encourage you to practice responsible routines with charging and packing the laptop at home, so students become accountable for transporting their laptop to and from school. Discipline would be handled the same as forgetting textbooks or classwork.

Do I need to supply headphones for my student?

If required, yes. Most cell phone headphones will work on the laptop. Many affordable options are available.