

## VPS 1:1 TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLE USE AND SAFETY AGREEMENT

**PURPOSE:** Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) may issue students a one-to-one (1:1) technology device, cords, charging brick, and stylus (for Chromebooks) that can be used both at school and at home as a means to promote achievement and provide flexible learning opportunities.

VPS expects that students will use district-issued equipment responsibly and only for school purposes. This agreement is required for students to be issued a device for school purposes and represents the student and parent's commitment to holding accountable the student to using the district technology resources as expected and to care for the equipment in order to keep it in good working order, avoid damage, loss, or theft.

### The following are highlights of things to consider when using your school issued equipment:

- Charge your device at home every night and bring it to school each day with a full charge.
- Remember the device, cords, charging brick, and stylus (for Chromebooks) are your responsibility so do not share these items. It is also recommended that you avoid leaving your technology in a vehicle or unattended to avoid it being stolen.
- Be a responsible Digital Citizen: Recognize the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning, and working in an interconnected digital world, and act and model in ways that are safe, legal, and ethical. Communication on district devices must be used for educational use only while maintaining appropriate language at all times.
- Back up important files regularly. VPS maintains 1:1 devices with periodic updates. Students should save files in online storage to avoid accidental loss of data. *VPS cannot guarantee data loss will not occur and is not liable for such loss. Ask for assistance if you do not know how to back up your files.*
- Follow copyright laws and fair use guidelines. Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others. Only download/save music and related to specific assignments.
- Make your 1:1 device available for inspection by any administrator or teacher upon request.
- Keep the device in its school issued case (if applicable). Do not personalize your device with the addition of stickers or tape to any area of the device or case.
- Return the device to school promptly if you un-enroll from the district.

### Expectations:

1. Do not use devices near food or drink and if damaged return as soon as possible. Devices should be closed and secure during transport and used on a stationary surface unless directed by school staff.
2. Always remember that student-issued accounts (**Google for Education**) are to be used only with programs made available by the school or district. School Gmail or other accounts should only be used for applications and resources approved by the district. Use these accounts only for intended purposes.
3. Do not attempt to access systems beyond your authorized access or bypass district filters. This includes sharing your account password for any system with others or using another person's account and/or password.
4. Do not attempt to locate, view, share, or store materials that are unacceptable in an academic setting. This includes, but is not limited to, pornographic, obscene, racist, graphically violent, or vulgar images, sounds, music, language, video, or other materials. The criteria for acceptability is demonstrated in the types of material made available in the district provided learning materials & resources.
5. No taking pictures or videos of other students or staff without their permission.
6. No Hacking: "hacking" of any type, including the intentional introduction of malicious software (viruses), attempts to gain unauthorized network or system access, or attempts to disrupt normal network traffic, will result in district discipline and may lead to criminal charges.

### On-Line Safety:

- ★ Students should not intentionally reveal or post identifying personal information, files, or communications to unknown persons through email or other means.

- ★ Bullying or harassment, including personal attacks or threats toward anyone using online resources, is strictly prohibited and could result in discipline or lead to criminal charges. *If you are aware of bullying or harassment, please report it to responsible school personnel.*

**Notice:**

All student 1:1 computing devices are configured to filter internet content and communications at school, at home, and on any other network. While internet filtering is intended to restrict access to inappropriate or non-educational content, the district cannot guarantee that students will not intentionally or unintentionally access content that may be deemed unacceptable. If you access inappropriate content on your device, report it to school staff immediately.

The electronic communications, activities, and files created and/or accessed on district technology are not private and are subject to being viewed, monitored, and/or archived by the district at any time.

**Parental/Guardian Monitoring Responsibility:**

Despite the filtering measures detailed above, parents and/or guardians assume responsibility for monitoring their student's activity on district-issued devices and accounts during non-school hours and on non-student attendance days. Users are responsible for the appropriate use of the device and all accounts, applications, and services.

If information is collected that indicates activity outside of the acceptable use, that information will be reviewed with the student and/or parent/guardian during normal school business hours.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE:** information obtained by school district officials, after school business hours, suggesting or indicating imminent danger to a person(s) will initiate a 911 report upon receiving that information. The Building administration will contact the parents/guardians on the next school business day regarding the matter.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** The district strives to limit the financial responsibility for families of students issued 1:1 devices. In cases of accidental damage, a 1:1 device will be repaired one time per year at no cost to the family. Other damages will be assessed and a fine assigned to support the repair or replacement of the device. If the device is lost or stolen, and the school determines that the student is not at fault, the replacement fine is a flat fee of \$99.00 iPads, Chromebooks, and \$199 for laptops. If a device is damaged, lost, or stolen due to willful negligence, the family will be responsible for the full cost to repair or replace the 1:1 device. A police report must be filed by the family for all devices stolen when off campus.

You understand that should you fail to comply with the terms of this agreement, access to 1:1 technology, the internet, and other digital content or services may be limited. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the VPS Student Code of Conduct.