

2025-2026 Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

Our mission at St. Ambrose is to provide a foundation of Catholic truths and values, so that students leave with the knowledge and skills necessary for life in the modern world. One important aspect of this mission is utilizing the advantages that technology provides, while maintaining our focus on effective educational practices and values. St. Ambrose Catholic School encourages the responsible use of computers/devices, networks, the internet, and other electronic resources by students, parents, and other responsible parties.

I. Available technology;

- A. Chromebooks (K-8) - Students in grades 4-8 will be issued a Chromebook. K-3rd grade students will use devices in a limited fashion, and only inside the classroom for educational purposes. Students in grades 4-8 will use the devices more regularly, including frequently taking the devices outside the school. The frequency of outside-of-school use is dependent on grade, class requirements, and disciplinary standing.
- B. School Issued Google Educational Account - Google Educational Accounts will be created for students in K-8, but features including Google Classroom and email will only be accessible for grades 5-8. Student emails will only be able to send and receive to/with necessary St. Ambrose staff members and other St. Ambrose students in their grade level.
- C. Google Classroom – There will be a portal for each class. Assignments, digital curriculum, digital resources, online gradebook, dates, and announcements will funnel through each teacher's page.
- D. Live Stream of Some Events – This provides access to different St. Ambrose events, for those that cannot be present. We will attempt to live stream some events, including athletic contests, school Masses, school wide events, etc. It is possible your child could be displayed on a live stream, but no identifying information will be provided.

II. Equipment Ownership

- A. All equipment issued by Saint Ambrose Catholic School is the property of the school and is issued to the student for educational purposes only.
- B. The student is responsible for the use and handling of the equipment while it is in their possession.
- C. The student may not deface, disassemble, destroy, or alter the appearance of this property in any way (including but not limited to stickers, skins, and personal cases.)
- D. Inappropriate use of any device may result in the student losing the privilege to use it.
- E. The equipment must be returned when required by Saint Ambrose Catholic School, or if the student withdraws from Saint Ambrose Catholic School prior to the end of the school year.

III. Acceptable Use

- A. In accordance with school policies and rules, diocesan policy, as well as local, state, and federal statutes, school property may not be used for commercial purposes.
- B. Students may not install or use any software on school devices other than software owned and approved by the school.
- C. User accounts and privileges are managed by the school IT department. Students agree to make no attempts to change, or allow others to change, the configuration and privileges of managed user accounts.
- D. Students may take no action that would interfere with the shared use of school networks.

- E. School email accounts are for communication within the school and are only to be used for academic purposes.
- F. Students must use best efforts to ensure that school property is not compromised by malicious software. If such a compromise is suspected, it must be immediately returned to St. Ambrose IT, for investigation and repair.

The student and parent acknowledge and agree that the student's use of school property is a privilege. By signing, the student and parent acknowledge they have read, understand, and accept the terms of this agreement. The student will make every effort to safeguard school property that is in their possession, and to return the property in good condition.

Parent Technology Agreement

I understand that my child's use of school technology is a privilege and a responsibility, meant to improve and personalize his/her education. It is essential that I commit to the following guidelines to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of this device:

- I will supervise my child's use of school hardware and software while at home.
- I will discuss with my child the Catholic Church's values and expectations regarding the use of the internet and technology.
- I will discuss with my child our family's values and expectations regarding the use of the internet, technology, and digital communications.
- I will supervise my child's use of the internet and digital communications at home.
- I will report to the school any problems with or damage to school technology.
- I will make sure my child recharges their Chromebook battery nightly.
- I will make sure my child brings their Chromebook to school every day.
- I will not attempt to repair school technology, nor will I attempt to clean it other than to gently wipe it with a soft, dry cloth.
- I will not alter or remove any software from the Chromebook.
- I agree to make sure that all school devices are returned to the school whenever required, or upon my child's withdrawal from Saint Ambrose Catholic School.