



# Genesee Community Charter School

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*at the Rochester Museum & Science Center*

## GCCS Chromebook Commitment for Students and Families

### Rationale

The Genesee Community Charter School is supplying school-owned Chromebooks to families in need of a home device. Students are expected to utilize technology for school-related distance learning and should not be used for personal reasons. There are three goals for this initiative:

1. Shift instructional practice to be student centered
2. Differentiate learning to meet the needs of all students
3. Extend learning beyond the classroom walls.

We believe personal technology enables students to have continuous access to an array of educational programs and tools. Participation requires students to make responsible decisions. Students are expected to use assigned devices in a safe and responsible manner.

We require students and parents/guardians to read this document carefully. Appropriate and responsible use is expected of all users. Students must use assigned devices in accordance with the following agreement as well as the policies and procedures in the GCCS Family Handbook, Caring Community Commitment Plan, Internet Usage and Safety Policies, and any applicable laws.

### Ownership

The device, carrier, and all other accessories that have been issued to the student by GCCS are the property of Genesee Community Charter School. These items are on loan to the student for educational use during the school closure. Each student will be assigned a device. In the event that a student withdraws from GCCS or violates a related-policy, he/she will be required to return the device to the school. Students will be required to return their device when GCCS is reopened.

### Commitment Guidelines

- Set Up:
  - Login to the device using the information provided on the label on the Chromebook
  - Make sure the Chromebook is connected to the family's wifi network. If wifi is not available, please call Charter Spectrum to enroll in a free wifi program for students: 1-844-488-8395.
- Usage:
  - Upon receipt of the Chromebook, it will be the borrower's sole responsibility and therefore should not be borrowed by any other family member for personal use.

- Chromebooks will come with a protective GCCS bag and charging cord.
- Devices should remain in the bags when they are not in use.
- The screen is the most sensitive part of the device. Do not stack anything heavy on top of your device.
- Devices should be protected from extreme heat or cold temperatures, weather, liquids, and pets.
- To prevent further spread of COVID-19 and other contagious viruses, please frequently wipe down your device with a soft, slightly moist sanitizing wipe.
- Do not remove any of the serial numbers or labels on the device placed by GCCS.
- Responsibility:
  - Once the laptop has been set up, families are responsible for the safety and maintenance of the laptop. If the laptop is in need of any internal or external repair, GCCS should be notified immediately to determine what needs to be fixed. Please email [techsupport@gccschool.org](mailto:techsupport@gccschool.org) or call 585-697-1960 for assistance.
  - Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of replacement or repair for stolen, lost, damaged or vandalized school assigned devices and related accessories.
- Applications
  - Applications such as Google Chrome are available on this device for student use. For Kindergarten – third grade users, email addresses will only be used for login purposes and cannot be used as a means of communication. Fourth – Sixth grade users are able to utilize their school-assigned email addresses for login and communication for school-related purposes.
  - The Internet is to be used for scholarly research and as a means of communication and obtaining needed information. School-sponsored applications provided by teachers and staff are acceptable to be downloaded and accessed within the assigned student account.
  - For the duration of our closure, our GCCS will be utilizing additional applications for academic and instructional purposes. Students may be invited to view teacher-created YouTube Channels or other semi-public platforms (such as Zoom or Google Meets) to provide students with activities, challenges, and additional resources for learning. Since these applications offer an open platform for many users around the globe, GCCS advises families to be aware of the hazards and risks associated with a social media platform such as YouTube and should to monitor child(ren)’s usage frequently.

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand and will abide by the above Commitment Guidelines as well as the relevant policies illustrated by the Genesee Community Charter School Family Handbook. I agree to hold the Genesee Community Charter School and its staff harmless from any liability resulting from injury to my child while participating in distance learning, except to the extent that such injury is due to the negligence of the Genesee Community Charter School and its staff. I understand that it is my responsibility to protect this GCCS property from normal wear and tear as well as immediately notify the school if it is lost, damaged, or stolen.

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Signature

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Date