



BIG VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
A MINISTRY OF BIG VALLEY GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

All students are expected to read the Acceptable Use Policy for Big Valley Christian School and understand its contents.

The primary goal of incorporating technology into the school environment is to support the educational and instructional needs of Big Valley Christian School students and employees. Technology includes all devices owned by the school or individual as well as hardware, software, electronic data communication networks, telephone lines, video projector units, document cameras, video cameras, printers, Chromebooks, iPads, etc. Big Valley Christian High School offers a campus wide high-speed network and Internet access for Chromebook users and school-issued equipment. BVCS elementary offers a campus wide high-speed network and Internet access for Chromebook users, iPads, and school-issued equipment. Our goal in providing these services for the school community is to promote educational excellence in our curriculum through increasing available resources, to help students responsibly navigate these resources, and to enable communication between students, faculty, and family.

Using the school's network on and off campus is a privilege and must support the mission of BVCS to nurture and equip students to impact the world for Christ. As such, it is the responsibility of all users to use these services appropriately and in compliance with all Big Valley Christian School, Big Valley Grace Community Church and any applicable government regulations. The following are policies for use of the BVCS network governing anyone using the BVCS network. This list is not all-inclusive and may be modified at any time. Anything that violates the BVCS goal of providing educational and Christian leadership training through the use of technology for students, staff and faculty may result in the loss of network access.

General Behavior Policies

1. Be prepared to be held accountable for your personal actions. Exemplary behavior is expected for all users at all times.
2. When using BVCS resources, there is no expectation of privacy.
3. Students and visitors may not have the log-in password to the BVCS wifi.
4. All devices on campus - whether school or personally owned - and accounts, must be given up for inspection when asked by a staff member of BVCS. The inspection will be for reasonable suspicion of prohibited activity.

5. Notify a teacher or other staff member if materials that violate the school system's code of conduct are encountered.
6. Do not use a computer or the Internet to hurt, harass, attack, or harm other people or their work, on or off campus.
7. Do not damage the network or any technology owned by the school or another student in any way.
8. Do not use the BVCS Internet for illegal or immoral activities, on or off campus.
9. Do not violate copyright laws (<http://www.copyrightkids.org/copyrightbasics.html>).
10. Do not view, send, or display obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, racist, sexist, disrespectful, threatening, or inflammatory language, messages, symbols, or pictures.
11. Use only your password and do not share your personal password with another student.
12. Do not access another student's work, folders, or files without authorization.
13. Do not interfere with or disrupt network users, services, BVCS data or data of another student or organization, or equipment, on or off campus.
14. Do not use any device to make an audio or visual recording or image without the express permission of a teacher, staff, and all recognizable parties in the recording or image.
15. The Internet is monitored and filtered 24 hours a day (on and off campus), exceeding the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (<http://www.fcc.gov/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>). It is our desire to keep material that is harmful to minors and all Biblically-minded individuals blocked from viewing.
16. Breaking any of the rules or regulations will result in serious consequences that will affect a student's grades, graduation activities, eligibility for school sports, activities, field trips, class trips, and class activities.
17. Consequences may also include being barred from using all school-provided resources which will affect a student's ability to complete assignments and tests and further affect the student's grades.

Personal Devices

1. Students in grades 3-8 *may* bring their own *Chromebook* device to be used on the BVCS network and used under the guidelines stated above.
2. Other types of devices not expressly specified above, are not allowed on the BVCS network.
3. All student owned Chromebooks *must* use the BVCS network while on campus, must not be shared with another student, and must be brought with the understanding that BVCS is not responsible for theft, damage, or misuse.
4. Devices in grades Preschool - 8th grade are not allowed to be out and in use except under the direct supervision of a staff member.
5. Students in grades 9-12 *must* bring their own *Chromebook*, working and charged, to school daily for classroom use.
6. Cell phones are not allowed out for any reason K-8 (including Extended Care).
7. Cell phones are not allowed out for any reason while a 9-12 student attends class, assembly, chapel, or in the halls or bathrooms. High school students may only have their phones out before/after school or during break/lunch.