



Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

TK - 6th Grade

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 School offers a campus wide high-speed network and Internet access for Chromebook users and school-issued equipment. BVCS 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. 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. 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.
4. Notify a teacher or other staff member if materials that violate the school system's code of conduct are encountered.
5. Do not use a computer or the Internet to hurt, harass, attack, or harm other people or their work, on or off campus.
6. Do not damage the network or any technology owned by the school or another student in any way.

7. Do not use the BVCS Internet for illegal or immoral activities, on or off campus.
8. Do not install or download unauthorized files, software, games, programs, or other electronic media from the Internet onto personal chromebooks or onto other BVCS technology.
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, 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.

Personal Devices

1. Students in grades 3-12 *may* bring their own *Chromebook* device to be used on the BVCS network and used under the guidelines stated above.
2. Students in grades TK-2 *may* bring their own *IPAD* or tablet under the individual teacher's discretion. All use is ruled by the guidelines above. TK-2 students may request permission to use a Chromebook on campus (see number 1).
3. Other types of devices not expressly specified above, are not allowed on the BVCS network.
4. All required classroom devices must be clearly labeled, use the BVCS network while on campus, not be shared with another student, and brought with the understanding that BVCS is not responsible for theft, damage, or misuse.
5. Devices in grades TK-8 are not allowed to be out and in use except under the direct supervision of a staff member.
6. Students in grades 9-12 *must* bring their own *Chromebook*, working and charged, to school daily for classroom use.
7. Students are not allowed any cell phone, smartwatches, headphones, airpods, etc. that text/call during the school day, including Extended Care. Students may use the office phone to call parents if needed. If a student has a cell phone on campus, it must remain turned off and silent in his/her backpack or locker for the entirety of the school day. If a cell phone or other electronic device is a distraction during class, it will be confiscated and placed in the office.
The following steps will be taken when a cell phone or electronic device is confiscated:
 1. Taken and picked up by the student from the office at the end of the day.
 2. Taken and picked up by a parent in the office at the end of the day.
 3. Phone contract will be given to the student.



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Please read, sign, and return this form to your school office.

I, (name of student) _____, have read the
Acceptable Use Policy for Big Valley Christian School and understand its contents.

(Students and parent or guardian please initial beside each paragraph).

____ I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations stated above while anywhere on campus
and/or using school-provided resources, including network.

____ I understand that I have no expectation of privacy while using school-provided resources and
may be asked to explain my Internet viewing and other technology-related behaviors.

____ I further understand that breaking any of the rules or regulations will result in serious
consequences that will affect my grades, graduation activities, eligibility for school sports, activities,
field trips, class trips, and class activities.

____ Consequences may also include being barred from using all school-provided resources which
will affect my ability to complete assignments and tests and further affect my grades.

signature of student

I, (name of parent or guardian) _____, the parent or guardian
of, (name of student) _____, have read the Acceptable Use
Policy for Big Valley Christian School and understand its contents as it relates to my student and
myself. I agree to support Big Valley Christian School's desire to develop healthy, Biblical
technology-use habits in my student by monitoring and regulating his or her technology use while off
campus and demonstrating these same healthy habits myself.

signature of parent