

# CIC-CMS Technology FAQ

## **Why does every student have a device?**

Each student at the middle school has an electronic device checked out to them to help them further their education. We use the devices for reading, completing assignments, collaborating with peers, researching, and a variety of other endeavors. We also try to leverage online resources, assignments, and texts. One of our expectations as a school is that we prepare our students with the “technical skill” to be successful after school. By starting in 4th Grade, we are helping our students to become proficient at these skills.

## **How often do they use the device?**

Students use the devices everyday in some capacity. They need to have the device charged and ready to use each school day.

## **Do they need to bring the device home?**

There are times when a student may need to bring the device home, but they are able to leave them in a secure location at the school if parents would prefer. Students do not usually need to connect to the internet at home, but can work offline on almost any project.

## **Can they download any app they want?**

No, we control the applications that are added to the chromebooks.

## **Can they access any website that they want?**

They can try, but our internet filters work both inside and outside of the school. Administration can see what type of sites are being accessed or searched for at any time. We will monitor them when they are onsite or offsite (does not matter where they are). However, we encourage parents to set expectations for home use and monitor student use to ensure those expectations are being met while at home.

## **Do students have email addresses?**

Yes, all students 4th-12th grade have email addresses. 4th-8th grade have internal only email addresses, that is, they can only send and receive email from other "usd264.org" users and school allowed domains. Grades 9-12 are open systems and they can send and receive email from other domains like a typical email.

### **Why do students have an email address?**

Students use their email addresses to access their google accounts that we use for Google Classroom, Google Documents, and other Google Apps for Education (GAFE). Students also use email to communicate with teachers, other district staff members, and to collaboratively work on assignments with classmates.

### **What happens if it breaks?**

This is typically a question of what caused the damage. This is typically contingent upon how the device broke. If there is accidental damage (dropped device, stepped on, etc.) or vandalism the student is responsible for the repair. If there is an electronic failure not caused by an accident or vandalism, the district will repair it. It is also important to note, lost or stolen devices are the responsibility of the student. Repair costs are available in the Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP).

### **Is social media blocked?**

No, social media accounts currently are not blocked. This is something that we review and change throughout the year depending on the issues or needs of the students. If students access social media on the school network, we can see what they are accessing and monitor it accordingly.

### **Can students use their cell phones instead?**

No, cell phones are expected to be locked in lockers during the day. Students receive a detention if they are found with a cell phone.