

Grace Academy
Computer Usage Guidelines

PHILOSOPHY OF COMPUTER USE IN THE CLASSROOM:

The computer is a tool, and, like any tool, it has its appropriate place and use. Grace Academy (GA) recognizes the benefits of such a tool, and actively encourages its use for word processing productivity, accounting and administration, and to assist students in some of their learning. The functional use of computers is simple to learn and should be accomplished at home by parents who can set guidelines for and supervise their use.

GA also recognizes that computers have their deficiencies as well, including, but not limited to, relatively passive learning and distraction to other students in the classroom. GA strongly advocates personal, interactive, classroom instruction that conforms to *The Seven Laws of Teaching* by John Milton Gregory. Whereas personal computers can greatly aid in the accomplishment of work and studies, they are no replacement for capable Christian instructors who love their Lord, love their students, love their subject, and have a passion to communicate that love to their students. Therefore, GA is opposed to the use of computers for core instruction of students.

However, their use as a supplemental tool on a limited basis in the school classroom at the initiation of a faculty or staff member for activities such as viewing images of historic architecture or maps, computer animation of science processes, audios of historic music, video clips of reenacted battles, etc. is considered beneficial and acceptable.

STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM:

Students may bring personal computers, Kindle-type equipment, I-Pads, etc. to school for student use **ONLY** for the following reasons:

as an aid as specified by a physician

for use in Extended Learning for word processing and/or accessing research of reference sites assigned as homework (e.g., dictionary.com).

Students may bring computers to school for student use only under the following conditions:

All computers brought to GA at any time must have filtering software installed.

Parents and students must sign the Computer Usage Family Contract before bringing a computer to school or to Extended Learning.

Inappropriate use of computer or similar equipment by a student will lead to disciplinary action.

Grace Academy
Computer Usage Family Contract
For the School Year _____

Student Name _____

1. The type and model of our computer to be used at GA is _____
_____.

2. We have installed the following filtering software on our computer: _____
_____.

3. We have read and agree for the student named above to use this computer as outlined in the school Computer Usage Guidelines.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

4. I am responsible for the computer at all times and will not allow other students to use this computer while at Grace Academy.

5. I have read and agree to use of the computer as outlined in the school Computer Usage Guidelines.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

We have attached a copy of our physician's note requiring use of this item in the classroom. _____ Yes _____ N/A