

# Chromebook Use Procedures and Information Policy/Agreement 2023 - 2024

The focus of the Chromebook Program at Yantis High School is to provide tools and resources to the 21st Century Learner. Excellence in education requires technology to be seamlessly integrated throughout the educational program. The use of electronic devices provides a simple and portable way to manage information and allows students constant access to learning opportunities. The individual use of technology is a way to empower students to maximize their full potential and to prepare them for college and the workplace.

Learning results from the continuous dynamic interaction among students, educators, parents, and the extended community. Technology immersion does not diminish the vital role of the teacher. To the contrary, it transforms the teacher from a director of learning to a facilitator of learning. Effective teaching and learning with electronic devices integrates technology into the curriculum anytime, anyplace.

The procedures and information within this policy apply to all electronic devices used at Yantis High School, including any other device considered by the Administration to come under this policy. Teachers may set additional requirements for use in their classroom.

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### **1. RECEIVING YOUR CHROMEBOOK & CHECK-IN**

#### 1.1 Receiving Your Chromebook

Chromebooks will be distributed to students at a time determined by their campus. Parents and students must indicate consent and agreement during registration.

#### 1.2 Chromebook Check-in

Individual school Chromebooks and accessories must be returned to Yantis High School at the end of the school year so they can be checked for serviceability. Students who graduate early, withdraw, are suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment at Yantis High School for any other reason must return their individual school Chromebook on the date of termination. Discipline issues could result in a device being taken up sooner.

### 1.3 Check-in Fines

If a student fails to return the Chromebook at the end of the school year, or upon termination of enrollment at Yantis ISD, that student will be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability. The student will also pay the replacement cost of the Chromebook. Failure to return the Chromebook will result in a theft report being filed with the Yantis ISD Police Department. Furthermore, the student will be responsible for any damage to the Chromebook, consistent with the District's Chromebook Agreement and must return the Chromebook and accessories to Yantis ISD in satisfactory condition.

## 2. TAKING CARE OF YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Students are responsible for the general care of the Chromebook they have been issued by the school. Chromebooks that are broken or fail to work properly must be turned in for an evaluation of the equipment.

### 2.1 General Precautions

- The Chromebook is school property and all users will follow this policy and the Yantis "Student Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement" for technology.
- Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the screen, do not use cleansers of any type.
- Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the Chromebook to prevent damage.
- Chromebooks must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not the property of Yantis ISD.
- Chromebooks must never be left in any unsupervised area.
- Students are responsible for keeping their Chromebook's battery charged for school each day.
- Do not keep any item including but not limited to papers, folders and workbooks in the Chromebooks. This will prevent placing pressure and weight on the Chromebook screen, and or hinge.
- Chromebooks are not to be left in lockers.
- Chromebooks must remain free of carvings made by any tools.

Intentional damage or abuse may result in a loss of privilege to use the Chromebook, appropriate discipline action and/or restitution.

### 2.2 Screen Care

The Chromebook screens can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. The screens are particularly sensitive to damage from excessive pressure on the screen.

- Do not lean on the top of the Chromebook when it is closed .
- Do not place anything near the Chromebook that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the carrying case that will press against the cover.
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry cloth or anti-static cloth.
- Do not "bump" the Chromebook against lockers, walls, car doors, floors, etc as it will eventually break the screen and or other parts.

### **3. USING YOUR CHROMEBOOK AT SCHOOL**

Chromebooks are intended for use at school each day. In addition to teacher expectations for Chromebook use, school messages, announcements, calendars and schedules may be accessed using the Chromebook. Students are responsible and expected to bring their Chromebook to all classes.

#### **3.1 Chromebook Left at Home**

If students leave their Chromebook at home, they are responsible for getting the course work completed as if they had their Chromebook present. This may also result in a discipline consequence.

#### **3.2 Chromebook Undergoing Repair**

Under certain circumstances a loaner Chromebook may be issued to students when they leave their Chromebook for repair. There may be a delay in getting a Chromebook should the school not have enough to loan. If no loaner is available, students are still responsible for all work assigned by teachers.

#### **3.3 Charging Your Chromebook's Battery**

Chromebooks must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. Students need to charge their Chromebooks each evening.

#### **3.4 Screensavers/Background photos, Sound, Programs**

- No screensavers or background photos may be used.
- Presence of guns, weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, gang related symbols or pictures will result in disciplinary actions.
- Sound must be muted at all times unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes.
- Data Storage will be through apps on the Chromebook.

#### **3.5 Printing**

All printing assignments should be emailed or shared from Google Drive to the teacher, at his/her discretion will the assignments be printed.

#### **3.6 Home Internet Access**

Students are allowed to connect their Chromebooks to their home networks. This will assist them with Chromebook use while at home. The Chromebook will be content filtered while the student is away from the school's network. Although content filtering is not perfect, if a parent or student notices access to inappropriate content, they should take down the website and let the High School Secretary know about this as soon as possible.

### **4. MANAGING YOUR FILES & SAVING YOUR WORK**

#### **4.1 Saving to the Chromebook/Home Directory**

Students will use Google Drive. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is not lost due to mechanical failure or accidental deletion. Chromebook malfunctions are not an acceptable excuse for not submitting work.

#### **4.2 Network Connectivity**

Yantis ISD makes no guarantee that their network will be up and running 100% of the time. In the rare case that the network is down, the district will not be responsible for lost or missing data.

## **5. SOFTWARE ON CHROMEBOOKS**

### **5.1 Originally Installed Software**

The software/apps originally installed by Yantis ISD must remain on the Chromebook in usable condition and be easily accessible at all times. Periodic checks of Chromebooks will be made to ensure that students have not removed required applications.

### **5.2 Additional Software**

Students are not allowed to load extra software/apps on their Chromebooks. Yantis ISD will make all needed software/apps available through the Yantis ISD Catalog found on the Chromebook.

### **5.3 Inspection**

Students may be selected at random to provide their Chromebook for inspection.

### **5.4 Procedure for reloading software**

If technical difficulties occur, illegal software, or non-Yantis ISD installed apps are discovered, the Chromebook may need to be reset to a factory new condition. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of any software or documents deleted due to a reformat and reimage.

### **5.5 Software upgrades**

Upgrade versions of licensed software/apps are available from time to time. Most software upgrades are automatic. Students may be required to check in their Chromebooks for periodic updates and syncing.

## **6. ACCEPTABLE USE**

The use of the Yantis Independent School District's technology resources is a privilege, not a right. The privilege of using the technology resources provided by Yantis Independent School District is not transferable or extendible by students to people or groups outside the district and terminates when a student is no longer enrolled in the Yantis Independent School District. This policy is provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical, and lawful use of technology resources. If a person violates any of the User Terms and Conditions named in this policy/agreement, privileges may be terminated, access to the school district technology resources may be denied, and the appropriate disciplinary action shall be applied. The Yantis Independent School District's Student Code of Conduct shall be applied to student infractions. Students and parents fully understand that Yantis ISD may search

school issued Chromebooks at any time to verify contents. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion for students. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

### **6.1 Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

- Talk to your student about values and the standards that your student should follow on the use of the Internet just as you do on the use of all media information sources such as television, telephones, movies, and radio.

### **6.2 School Responsibilities are to:**

- Provide internet and email access to its students.
- Provide content filtering (Internet blocking) of inappropriate materials as possible.
- Provide network data storage areas.

- These will be treated similar to school lockers. Yantis ISD reserves the right to review, monitor, and restrict information stored on or transmitted via Yantis ISD owned equipment and to investigate inappropriate use of resources.
- Provide staff guidance to aid students in doing research and help assure student compliance of the acceptable use policy.
- Provide student training on the appropriate use of the Chromebook by teacher instruction.

### 6.3 Students are Responsible for:

- Using computers/devices in a responsible and ethical manner.
- Obeying general school rules concerning behavior and communication that apply to Chromebook/computer use.
- **Using all technology resources in an appropriate manner so as to not damage school equipment and if so, will result in a fine for the purchase of the equipment.** This "damage" includes, but is not limited to, the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-delivery or service interruptions caused by the student's own negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Yantis Independent School District's designated Internet System is at your own risk. Yantis Independent School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- Helping Yantis Independent School District protect the computer system/device by contacting the teacher or an administrator about any security problems they may encounter.
- Monitoring all activity on their account(s).
- Students should always turn off and secure their Chromebook after they are done working to protect their work and information.
- If a student should receive an email containing inappropriate or abusive language or if the subject matter is questionable, he/she is asked to notify a teacher as soon as possible.
- Returning their Chromebook to the district at the end of each school year. Students who graduate early, withdraw, are suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment at Yantis ISD for any other reason must return their individual school Chromebook on the date of termination.

### 6.4 Student Activities Strictly Prohibited:

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials.
- Any action that violates existing School Board policy or public law.
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- Use of chat rooms, sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work.
- Internet/computer games.
- Use of outside data disks or external attachments without prior approval from the administration.
- Changing of Chromebook settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness, etc).
- Downloading apps.
- Spamming-Sending mass or inappropriate emails.
- Gaining access to other student's accounts, files, and/or data.
- Use of the school's internet/e-mail accounts for financial or commercial gain or for any illegal activity.
- Use of anonymous and/or false communications such as Snapchat, MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger
- Students are not allowed to give out personal information, for any reason, over the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, setting up internet accounts including those necessary for chat rooms, Ebay, email , etc.
- Participation in credit card fraud, electronic forgery or other forms of illegal behavior.

- Vandalism (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data, including, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that can infiltrate computer systems and/or damage software components) of school equipment will not be allowed.
- Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass or demean recipients.
- Bypassing the Yantis ISD web filter.
- Use of the camera or video to take and/or distribute inappropriate or unethical material.

## 6.5 Chromebook Care

Students will be held responsible for maintaining their individual Chromebooks and keeping them in good working order.

- Chromebook batteries must be charged and ready for school each day.
- Only labels or stickers approved by the Yantis ISD may be applied to the device.
- Chromebooks that malfunction or are damaged must be reported to the district. The school district will be responsible for repairing Chromebooks that malfunction. Chromebooks that have been damaged from student misuse, neglect, etc or are accidentally damaged will be repaired with cost being the responsibility of the student. Students are responsible for any and all damage.
- Chromebooks that are stolen must be reported immediately to the office or an administrator, and a police report must be filed.

## 6.6 Legal Propriety

- Comply with trademark and copyright laws and all license agreements. Ignorance of the law is not immunity. If you are unsure, ask a teacher or parent.
- Plagiarism is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Give credit to all sources used, whether quoted or summarized. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text.
- Use or possession of hacking software is strictly prohibited and violators will be subject to the Student Code of Conduct. Violation of applicable state or federal law will result in criminal prosecution or disciplinary action by the Yantis School District.

## 6.7 Student Discipline

If a student violates any part of the above policy, he/she will be subject to punishment deemed appropriate by campus administrators and in accordance with student handbooks and student code of conduct.

# 7. PROTECTING & STORING YOUR CHROMEBOOK

## 7 .1 Chromebook Identification

Student Chromebooks will be labeled in the manner specified by the school. Chromebooks may be identified in the following ways:

- Record of serial number (barcode)
- Yantis ISD label

## 7 .2 MAINTENANCE

During the term of issuance, the District shall be responsible for the maintenance of the property resulting from normal usage. If the property malfunctions or is damaged in any way, you must notify the

District immediately, and the District will repair or replace the defective property. However, if the malfunction is the result of abuse, neglect, misuse, alterations, or modifications, you will be assessed a repair/replacement fee . (see fee schedule in section 9)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In cases of theft, vandalism and other criminal acts, a police report, or in the case of fire, a fire report MUST be filed by the student or parent before the District will replace the Chromebook. A copy of the police/fire report must be provided to the high school office secretary.

INTENTIONAL DAMAGE: Students/Parents are responsible for full payment of intentional damages to Chromebooks. If a student fails to return the Chromebook at the end of the school year or upon termination of enrollment at Yantis ISD, that student will be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

### 7.3 USAGE FEE

The school district will not issue a usage fee at this time. A Chromebook will not be issued unless this document is signed by both the student and parent/guardian.

## 8. REPAIRING YOUR CHROMEBOOK

### 8.1 Chromebook Issuance

**The Yantis ISD Chromebooks are provided to students at no fee. However, if the device is damaged and no longer usable or becomes lost or stolen, the parent is responsible for an insurance deductible of \$35 for repair of the device or full replacement cost of the device (if lost or stolen). The full value of a Chromebook is based on the model the student receives. The amount is between \$200 to \$350 per Chromebook.**

### 8.2 Personal Devices

Students are discouraged from carrying their own personal device due to our management system for the chromebooks that we check out to the students. This ensures the district required applications and safety precautions are installed.

Any parents permitting their child to use a Yantis ISD owned technology device in accordance with this policy/agreement must read, sign, and return this policy/agreement to the high school office secretary.

## **Student Google Apps for Education Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement**

Beginning this month, each Yantis ISD sixth through twelfth grade student will have access to Google Apps for Education (GAFE). The Google Apps "suite" includes Docs, Sheets, Slides, Calendar, Gmail, Classroom and many other collaborative tools. Additionally, this suite of applications is available in "the cloud", which allows our students immediate access to their work, from any device, be it a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer.

In order to create a safe, effective way for students and staff to communicate with one another, Yantis ISD issues to each student a GAFE account under the domain @yantisstudent.net. Students access their account using Gmail. Yantis ISD is required by the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to have measures in place which protect students from harmful materials. As such, Yantis ISD takes the following steps with student email usage:

\* Students are only allowed to email staff and other students in the Yantis ISD domain. They cannot send emails to any address that does NOT end in @yantisstudent.net or @yantisisd.net. This applies to receiving emails as well. All email to students from outside of the Yantis ISD domain will be blocked.

\* Student email is archived internally, and is searchable by school administrators at any time, should the school deem it necessary.

Yantis ISD also has the duty to abide by the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which limits companies from collecting personal information from children under 13. To meet this duty, Google advertising is turned off for all Google Apps for Education users, both staff and students. No personal information is collected while students are utilizing the Google Apps core suite which includes Gmail, Classroom, Drive, Calendar, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Sites. Yantis ISD will act in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and not use the Google Apps for Education suite to publish any confidential student records for online public view. Additionally, parents have the right at any time to investigate the contents of their student's email account, and/or their student's Google Apps for Education files. School staff are responsible for monitoring a student's behavior online during the school day, while parents take over that responsibility at home. Students are responsible for their behavior at all times. Students that adhere to proper use of Google Apps for Education, including email (if applicable), will do so by demonstrating the following behavior:

\* Students will have no expectation of privacy with their Google Apps account, and thus should remain committed to using it academically and professionally.

\* Students will avoid, at all costs, using their Google Apps for Education to promote any unlawful activities or personal financial gain. Additionally, students should not use their account to promote or spread inappropriate or offensive content, or to threaten another student or staff member.

\* Students will not post personal contact information about themselves or other people.

\* Students will inform a member of the Yantis ISD staff should they receive any message that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

\* Students will be responsible for their own accounts, and will not act in a way that compromises the security of their account. At the same time, students will not act in a way that jeopardizes the account security of another student or staff member.

Access to, and the use of Google Apps for Education is considered a privilege and benefit to students in our school. Yantis ISD maintains the right to revoke the access and use of the Google Apps Suite, including Gmail, where the school has reason to believe violations of law or school policy have occurred. Under normal circumstances, the school will follow the discipline process outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Any parents permitting their child to use Google Apps for Education in accordance with this policy/agreement, must read, sign, and return this policy/agreement to the high school office secretary.



# Student Chromebook Policy, Procedures, and Information Policy/Agreement & Student Google Apps for Education Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement

My student and I have been offered the option to receive a paper copy or electronically access the 2023-2024 YISD Technology Responsible Use Policy at <http://www.yantisisd.net>.

**Check one of the following options:**

**Receive a paper copy**

**Accept responsibility for accessing the Technology Responsible Use Policy by visiting the above listed website. If I have questions regarding the usage policy, I should direct those questions to the School Principal or other appropriate administrator.**

## **MUST BE SIGNED BY STUDENT TO RECEIVE A CHROMEBOOK**

I have read the terms and conditions of this policy and I agree to follow them:

Student Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student Chromebook Policy, Procedures, and Information Policy/Agreement & Student Google Apps for Education Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement**

### **MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN TO RECEIVE STUDENT CHROMEBOOK**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the terms and conditions of this policy and I agree to follow them.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay a \$35 deductible for repair of any damage to my child's device.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay the replacement cost of my child's device for any intentional damage or if  
Initial it is lost or stolen.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give consent for Yantis ISD to provide personal student identifying  
Initial information (first and last name, user name) to Google Apps for Education.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_