



Technology Resource Acceptable Use Policy (TRAUP)

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

MUST SIGN ELECTRONICALLY

E-SIGNATURE: <https://forms.gle/XAdj1uvYB8ZcZQ8n7>

Receiving and Returning Chromebooks

1.1 Receiving a Chromebook

1. Each student will receive a Chromebook and AC charger.
2. Parents/guardians and students must sign 5th-8th Grade TRAUP ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE FORM before a Chromebook is issued to the student.
3. Chromebooks will be labeled in a manner specified by the St. Marcus IT Department and will include the serial number. Labels may not be removed from the laptop. Personal customization of the device is prohibited.
4. The Chromebook is the property of St. Marcus and as a result, may be subject to inspection at any time. The student should have NO expectation of privacy of materials found on a Chromebook.
5. Students are not allowed to install other operating systems or alter the Chrome OS on the device. Students found breaking this rule may lose the rights to the device for a period of time. Students that persist in this will be reported to the Deans for further repercussions.
6. Students are responsible for following the Acceptable Use Policy and appropriate handling of the device during school.
7. The student must demonstrate responsibility prior to receiving the device. Parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the Chromebooks at an information table at Beginning of Year meetings.
8. The school-provided Chromebook is the only device that is permitted to be used during the academic school day. (See Parent Handbook for full technology policy.)

1.2 Returning a Chromebook

1. Chromebooks and all St. Marcus owned accessories will be returned during the final week of the school year so they can be checked for serviceability.
2. Chromebooks must be returned immediately when a student transfers out, is suspended or expelled, or terminates enrollment for any reason from St. Marcus.
3. 8th Grade graduates have the opportunity to earn and keep their Chromebook to take home permanently. These will be turned in for the last week of the school year, wiped clean, and then picked up the week following graduation. The user will need to create their own, personal login in order to utilize the Chromebook after graduation. The Chromebook will no longer be serviced by St. Marcus technology and will be fully the user's responsibility to maintain the Chromebook.

1.3 Fines Related to a Chromebook

1. Chromebooks and AC chargers will be turned into the St. Marcus IT Department when requested, in satisfactory condition. Chromebooks will be inspected for damage regularly.
2. If a student fails to return the Chromebook, the student/parent/guardian will pay the replacement cost of the Chromebook. (NOTE: The cost of devices has increased 10-50% in 2026 and will continue into 2027 due to supply chain issues. Any replacement Chromebooks will be charged to the parent at the cost charged to

St. Marcus. This could be \$350+ depending on the day of shipment.) Failure to return the Chromebook will result in a theft report filed with local police.

3. Chromebooks that are damaged will be repaired for a fee. Any damages caused by the student (including to chargers) will result in a repair cost. Please see the list of approximate costs for each repair. If the damage to the Chromebook is beyond repair, the student will be responsible for replacing the Chromebook at the full cost of the device. Please note that this timeline lasts the duration of their time in the St. Marcus Middle School.
4. Lost Chromebook chargers will be replaced for a \$25 fee.
5. Lost Chromebook cases will be replaced for a \$10 fee.
6. St. Marcus repairs all Chromebooks in-house using recycled parts when available. **However, if new parts or a new computer is required due to abuse of the device, the parent/guardian is responsible for the cost incurred to St. Marcus.** Please note that new parts can cost anywhere from \$5 to \$100. Therefore, if the cost of new parts exceeds 50% of the cost of a new laptop, a new laptop will be purchased. (The cost of devices has increased 10-50% in 2026 and will continue into 2027 due to supply chain issues. Any replacement Chromebooks will be charged to the parent at the cost charged to St. Marcus. This could be \$350+ depending on the day of shipment.) All expenses for new parts or devices will be invoiced via Procure.

Taking Care of a Chromebook

Students are responsible for the general care of the Chromebook they have been issued by St. Marcus. Chromebooks that are broken or fail to work properly must be serviced by the St. Marcus IT Department for an evaluation of the equipment. Care must be taken to protect the screen. Students are responsible for anything done using their assigned Chromebook or their login. Chromebooks are the property of St. Marcus and all users will follow these procedures and the St. Marcus Acceptable Use Policy.

2.1 General Precautions

1. Avoid using any sharp object(s) on the Chromebook. The Chromebook will scratch, leading to the potential for needed repairs.
2. Chromebooks do not respond well to liquids. Avoid applying liquids to the Chromebook. Note: Chromebooks are never thirsty!
3. The Chromebook can be cleaned with a soft, lint-free cloth. Avoid getting moisture in the openings. Do not use window cleaners, household cleaners, aerosol sprays, solvents, alcohol, ammonia, or abrasives to clean the Chromebook.
4. Do not attempt to gain access to the internal electronics or repair of a Chromebook. If a Chromebook fails to work or is damaged, report the problem to your teacher or advisor immediately.
5. Never throw or slide a Chromebook.
6. Always open the Chromebook from the center of the screen and not from the corners. Opening the device from the corners creates additional stress on the screen and may lead to the screen cracking.
7. Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the Chromebook to prevent damage.
8. Chromebooks must remain free of any writing, drawing, or labels that are not the property of St. Marcus. Students may decorate their Chromebook using appropriate stickers that will not damage the machine.
9. Students are encouraged to purchase a padded, protective sleeve or laptop bag.
10. Chromebooks have a unique identification number label that should NOT be modified or removed.
11. Chromebooks must never be left in the open, in an unlocked car, or in any unsupervised area.
12. Chromebooks should be placed vertically on a locker shelf or in a backpack/bookbag to avoid putting any pressure on the screen.
13. Chromebooks must not be left in a vehicle or a location that is not temperature controlled.
14. Chromebooks must be fully charged for the start of school each day. **This is the student's responsibility.**
15. Chromebooks are assigned to individual students and the responsibility for the care of the Chromebook

solely rests with that individual. Students should not lend their Chromebooks to another person.

16. Chromebooks should not be taken to any other repair shop/provider other than the St. Marcus IT Department.
17. Please do not attempt to contact the chromebook manufacturer directly for service or repair questions. Please contact the St. Marcus Computer Department through your advisor.

Using a 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 for bringing their Chromebook to all classes unless specifically instructed not to do so by a teacher.

3.1 Chromebooks Left at Home

If a student takes a Chromebook home and leaves the Chromebook at home or comes to school with an insufficiently charged Chromebook, the student is responsible for getting his/her coursework completed as if the Chromebook were present. Any missed work must be made up and maybe penalized at the discretion of the teacher or Dean.

3.2 Chromebook Undergoing Repair

Loaner Chromebooks, if available, may be issued to students when their Chromebooks are being repaired by the school. A very limited number of "loaner" Chromebooks are available, so having a "loaner" is not guaranteed.

3.3 Charging a Chromebook Battery

1. Chromebooks must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. An AC charger will be issued to the student for charging at home. An additional charger may be purchased from the Computer Department.
2. In cases where the battery does run out, students may be able to connect their Chromebook to a power outlet in class at the teacher's discretion.

3.4 Screensavers/Background photos

While personalized screensavers or backgrounds are permitted, inappropriate or provocative images including but not limited to pornographic images, guns, weapons, inappropriate language, threatening language, political slogans, drug, alcohol, or gang-related images are not permitted and subject to disciplinary action.

3.5 Sound, Music, Games, Apps

1. Sound must be muted at all times unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes.
2. Students without their own headsets/earbuds must mute their Chromebook to not disturb the academic setting of the classroom.
3. Music is only allowed on the Chromebook at the discretion of the teacher.
4. All software/apps must be provided by St. Marcus. Data storage will be through apps on the Chromebook, i.e., Google Docs, Gmail, etc. Flash media is not allowed at this time.

3.6 Printing

Students will not have access to printers on their Chromebooks.

3.7 Using the Chromebook Camera

The Chromebook comes equipped with both camera and video capacities. However, St. Marcus policy is to disable all cameras as they are not needed for school work. ***Anyone found to be tampering with the camera settings will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Dean and Principal.*** Cameras may never be used in a locker room or restroom per state statute.

3.8 Using the Google Apps Account

The Google Apps account that each student is provided is the only account that should be utilized on the device.

St. Marcus Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for School Computer Systems Information for Students and Parents

St. Marcus Lutheran School provides all enrolled students usage of a Chromebook. Students are able to access information on both our local network and the Internet. This access is provided as a privilege to students—not as a right—to facilitate learning, to assist in conducting research, and to allow communication with others. Students must agree to act in a responsible, Christian manner when using these tools.

St. Marcus will use technology protection measures to block or filter content that is not safe, not educational, and not Christ-centered. St. Marcus reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. At any time, any of the computer administrators can review and/or delete any file from the network in order to maintain system integrity or to enforce this acceptable usage agreement. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of St. Marcus property, network, and/or Internet access or files, including email. The following statements apply to all students who are allowed access to the computers and the computer network:

When using the school's network, I will...

1. PROTECT MY PASSWORD AND RESPECT OTHERS' ACCOUNTS

- a. I will not share my password for convenience with another student.
- b. I will not steal or use another student's password, a staff member's password, or a teacher's password to access the computer network. I understand that doing so will lead to disciplinary action.
- c. I understand that any violation of this Acceptable Computer Use Agreement attributed to a student's username will result in disciplinary action being taken against that student.

2. RESPECT OTHERS PROPERTY AND FILES

- a. I will not access or tamper with another student's files.
- b. I will not access or tamper with a faculty or staff member's files or hardware.
- c. I will not tamper with, damage or disrupt the school's network operating system files from on or off-site. I understand that if I even attempt this, it could lead to a legal matter and/or expulsion.
- d. I will not attempt to circumvent any of the security measures installed on the computers or network, understanding that if I even attempt this, it could lead to a legal matter, suspension, and/or expulsion.

3. CARE FOR ST. MARCUS OWNED DEVICES AND PERIPHERALS

- a. I will not dismantle, deface, or damage the computer or its various peripherals (mouse, keyboard, mousepad, charger, etc.), understanding that if I do, I will be responsible for paying the full price for a replacement product.
- b. I will not add, delete, or alter files or install programs without specific prior permission from one of the computer administrators.
- c. I will not download executable files on school computers.
- d. I will not change settings or preferences on the computer.

I understand that if I break any of these aforementioned rules, I can lose my computer and/or Chromebook usage for a period of time decided by the computer administrators or the school staff.

When using the computers to communicate inside or outside of St. Marcus, I will...

- 1. USE GOOD CHRIST-CENTERED JUDGMENT WHEN USING THE COMPUTER TO COMMUNICATE**
 - a. I will be able to use the email provided from St. Marcus in school or outside of school to communicate both within St. Marcus as well as the outside world.
 - b. I will remember that every letter on these e-mails should be Christ-centered. I will not use this e-mail or other forms of communication to send abusive or offensive messages to people within or outside of St. Marcus.

- 2. UNDERSTAND THAT ALL COMMUNICATION IS MONITORED**
 - a. I understand that all of the e-mails, messages, and posts that I send and read are monitored for appropriate content and can be forwarded to the Director or Deans if the need arises.
 - b. I understand that any e-mails or communications that relate to illegal activities must, by law, be reported to the proper authorities.

When using the Internet and resources on the Internet on the St. Marcus network, I will...

- 1. GIVE CARE TO THE CONTENT THAT I SEARCH, BROWSE, AND VIEW AT SCHOOL**
 - a. I understand that all my Internet requests are monitored, filtered, and documented and can be reviewed at any time by the computer administrators or school administration.
 - b. I understand that computer administrators and school administration block access via the Internet to content that is considered not Christian or not educational. No permission will be given around this block at any time.
 - c. I will not attempt or succeed at getting around the school's blocking software, understanding that even if I attempt it, the matter will be turned over to the Deans for review. This includes individuals that tether their devices to their cellular Internet plans onsite to avoid the school's blocking software.

- 2. PUT MY FAITH AT THE FOREFRONT**
 - a. I understand that even though St. Marcus aggressively blocks inappropriate sites, some material may be reached that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, and blatantly sinful. Computer administrators will strive to block inappropriate sites when they are discovered.
 - b. I will not search for inappropriate content on the Internet or post remarks on the internet that defame St. Marcus or my Savior.
 - c. I will respect others' work and comply with Fair Use laws and other copyright regulations when accessing the internet.

