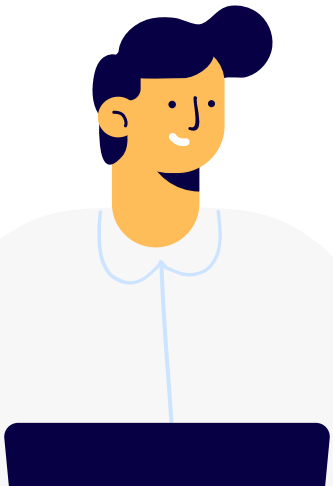## About

Our Chromebooks

Chromebooks provide amazing learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom, and CVSD wants to ensure that parents have the tools needed to welcome technology into their homes as this technology becomes integrated into every student's schoolwork. Parents are partners in educational excellence, and we are committed to providing your family with the resources and training to ensure your child's use of technology device and the Internet enriches their educational experience in a safe and appropriate environment.

Please review the student handbook for more information on the Chromebook and about optional Chromebook insurance.

Get in Touch

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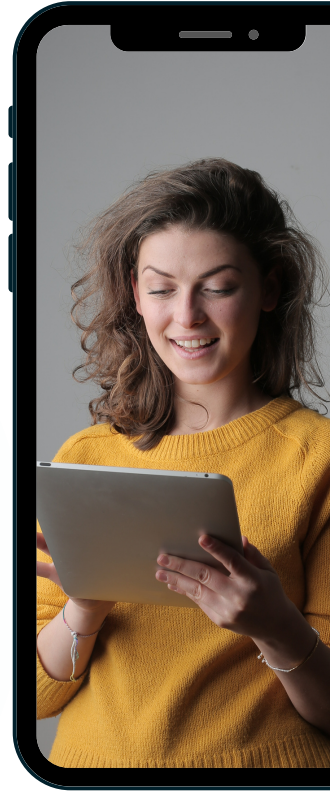
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Internet Safety

Our goal at CVIS is to teach students how to be safe on the Internet. Parents can make home technology use safer with rules and practices for technology use that are a matter of routine. Here are some resources for Internet Safety:

- Common Sense Media website—They believe in partnerships between home and school and have designed a FREE program to help parents navigate and discuss the impact of digital media on kids' social, emotional, and intellectual development. Go to www.commonsensemedia.org for more information.
- Go to http://familyinternet.about.com/ for an abundance of information on Internet Safety.
- Go to this site for Internet Safety information: http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net_saf ety.html
- Learn about online risks & NetSmart tools at http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents

When connected to your home Internet, the Chromebook will use the same filtering software that is utilized at school, Internet filtering is set to a high level through Go Guardian.

"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important." - Bill Gates

Content and Filtering

1. This Chromebook is not a private device - it is owned and monitored by CVSD; it's use should also be monitored by parents/guardians.
2. School-related extensions come preloaded on this Chromebook. Other approved extensions can be downloaded from the Chrome Store.
3. YouTube Kids is used for instructional videos. However, YouTube Kids can become a black hole of video watching. You may want to consider whether you want your child to use it.
4. The Chromebook has content filtering on the home and school networks through Go Guardian. Please note that no filter is perfect and home monitoring should occur.
5. If students use inappropriate language in their emails, it will be flagged for CVSD administration.
6. Email is allowed only within the CVSD domain. Students may not send or receive emails to accounts outside of the CVSD email domain.

Family's Guide
Key Points

Setting Up the Chromebook for Home Use
- Connect to your home Internet under Control Panel.
- Review your child's Google Classroom.

Set Boundaries
- Limit the time your student is on the Chromebook.
- Suggest that Chromebooks are not taken to bed and use in a common area.
- Help your child develop a routine.
- Check the history in Google Chrome to see sites your child visited.

Share the Experience
- Ask your child to teach you how they use the Chromebook.
- Ask your child to demonstrate the way they use their Chromebook at school.
- Play with the Chromebook yourself.