



SUMMER UPDATES

Summer Update #3: Technology

Here is a breakdown on the device use at each grade level for 2023-2024:

- **Grade 12:** Continuation of current BYOD (bring-your-own-device) program; laptop is preferred over a tablet
- **Grade 11:** ***Laptop is required*** You may bring your own laptop or purchase a MacBook through the school; if you'd like to purchase through the school, [complete this form](#) by August 9
- **Grade 10:** School iPad issued to students during first week of school, same as 2022-2023 school year; \$150 technology fee will be billed to FACTS accounts on August 1. *Please note: for the 2024-2025 school year, these students will be issued a school-managed laptop as students enter the IB DP Program. The technology fee for the cost of the device (varies based on the device chosen) will be assessed through your FACTS account.*
- **Grade 9:** School iPad issued to students during first week of school; managed and monitored by the school using a school-assigned Apple ID (not a personal ID); \$150 technology fee will be billed to FACTS accounts on August 1.
- **Grades 6-8:** Class set of iPads (with keyboard & case) in each room; students will have school iCloud & Google accounts for sign-in and storage of school materials.
- **Grades K-5:** Classroom devices for use under teacher supervision.

New in Elementary in 2023-2024: Classroom teachers will be using **Toddle 360** for all class communication. This platform is specifically designed to support the IB Primary Years Program and will *replace Schoology in grades K-5*. More info will be available at Meet the Teacher Day.

Cybersecurity & Safety Protocols:

- TRS campus WIFI uses content filters for all connected devices.
- TRS-issued iPads/MacBooks are secured with an additional layer of content filtering that works on any network (campus, home, hotspot, etc.)
- TRS student emails and Google documents are checked for inappropriate or potentially harmful content by an additional layer of protection. TRS administration is notified of any red flags.

Cell Phone & Personal Device Policy:

- Grades K-8: No personal devices allowed on campus at any time.
- Grades 9-12: Personal devices may not be used during school hours.
- Personal Devices include cell phones, headphones, smart watches, gaming systems, etc.

Previous Updates

[Summer Update #1: Good News for Families Choosing Private Education](#)

[Summer Update #2: Meet the Team Ready to Serve You](#)

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Uniform Thrift Sale: July 25-27

Tuesday 7:30a-1:00p, 3:30p-5:30p

Wednesday 8:00a-1:00p

Thursday 8:00a-1:00p

Preschool Meet the Teacher Day: Friday August 4

Parent Orientation 11:00a-11:30a, Classroom Visits 11:30a-12:30p

K-12 Meet the Teacher Day: Monday August 7

Last Names A-L 9:00a-10:30a | Last Names M-Z 11:00a-12:30p

Volunteer Opportunities:

Collaboratory Volunteers - contact collab@therock.school

Lunch Volunteers - contact office@therock.school

Substitute Teachers (paid hourly) - contact office@therock.school