



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is Learning Transformed?

To fulfill our school's mission of "ensuring a high level of learning for every student," PCMS has developed Learning Transformed, a school-wide initiative aimed at transforming teaching and learning. With this initiative, our students will be prepared for life outside the four walls of their classrooms. This comprehensive initiative incorporates technology (which includes one-to-one device distribution) and personalization (customized learning experiences to meet the individual needs of students).

What does one-to-one mean?

All students will be given the opportunity to enhance their learning through access to a technology device within the guidelines of the policies, regulations, and procedures set forth by the school system.

Why is PCMS implementing Learning Transformed?

PCMS believes that preparing students to succeed in the 21st century and to compete in a global community requires digitally literate students with strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills who are connected with the world around them. The PCMS Learning Transformed initiative allows students to develop these skills in the classroom while personalized plans allow for students to move through course content at their own pace and with the support of their teacher.

Shouldn't our kids be exposed to less technology, not more?

"Kids are learning a distorted view of the digital world 'that reflects the fears of adults rather than the aspirations of youth.'"

~ Alia Wong – The Atlantic

We all agree that most of us (students included) spend too much time utilizing technology for things like checking social media, watching streaming services and other non-educational activities. However, whether we like it or not, technology will continue to have a major impact on our world. PCMS believes that it is crucial to demonstrate to our students HOW to use technology for education and learning and to use the technology tools in an effective and efficient manner. The Learning Transformed initiative will guide our students in the appropriate use of technology and will give them important skills they will need as they continue their education in the 21st century.

What if I don't know anything about how computers work?

Instruction on the use of the technology tools provided by the school system will be integrated into each child's individual classroom experience. In addition, PCMS may provide several learning opportunities for parents throughout the school year to help familiarize them with the technology resources made available through the Learning Transformed initiative.

Does a student need to have a printer to print out assignments?

Printers are not necessary. Assignments will be shared with teachers and among students using a variety of online systems, including Office 365 and the school's Learning Management System.



Can my child bring their own device?

If your student has their own personal device that they would like to bring to school, they are allowed to do so. They will still need to follow the rules and regulations detailed in the student handbook and this user guide.

How will Learning Transformed impact students with special needs?

Students with special needs will benefit immensely from having access to a device. Based on their unique learning needs, special education students' devices may be equipped or modified to include adaptive software and programs. PCMS is working to ensure that all students with special needs are appropriately accommodated.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Student Responsibility

Who is responsible for loss, theft, or damage of the device?

As with any other instructional material, the student is responsible for his or her device. Teachers will work with students to educate them on responsible use and safekeeping of their device. Students are required to report a lost or stolen device immediately to their teacher or designated school administrator. Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine whether or not they can be repaired.

What is the consequence for a student improperly using the device/school network?

Improper use of technology will result in consequences such as disciplinary action outlined in the PCMS student code of conduct, and/or limited use of their device. Please refer to the district's Student Code of Conduct and your school student handbook.

Are there fees associated with the program?

Liability and financial responsibilities are defined in the PCMS Student/Guardian Equipment Use Agreement form that is signed before devices are distributed. If the device is damaged because of negligence, the student/guardian may be responsible for a damage fee or the full replacement cost of the device. There may be a designated location within your school with designated times to report damaged equipment.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Related to Technology

How are students protected from inappropriate content?

Each device is pre-loaded with district-approved filtering software to meet CIPA regulations. Inappropriate websites will be blocked using filters installed on every device by the district. Students should follow the expectations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and report any accidental inappropriate material to their teacher or administrator.