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EMERGENCY TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The advent of COVID-19 ushered in a new era of learning characterized by increased caution and at times, online learning. The purpose of this document is to outline the measures to be taken in the event of online learning in order to ensure that both students and staff have adequate access to technology.

Purchasing

Thanks to the various grants made available to schools under ESSER and the American Rescue Plan, Freedom Classical Academy has been able to secure hundreds of additional technological assets. School personnel shall continue to allocate grant funding wisely to ensure that necessary assets are available and in good order should they become necessary.

Student Technology

Students will be provided Chromebooks to check-out in the event of mandated online learning. Preference will be given to families that do not have existing technological assets available for at-home online learning. Once each family has access to at least one device, additional devices will be distributed based on availability.

If students do not have access to internet at home, school personnel will work with local businesses and State programs to help the family secure appropriate access during the period of mandated online learning.

Parents / guardians will be financially responsible for the care of technology items checked out to their students. All assets will be inspected prior to distribution to ensure that they are in proper working order. Assets will also be inspected upon return. Should the assets have damage upon return, the parents will be assets the repair cost for that device. For devices that cannot be repaired, parents / guardians will be charged replacement cost.

Teacher Technology

Freedom Classical Academy has invested in a number of assets to help teachers should they have to return to online learning. These assets include new iMacs, iPads, Apple TV's, mobile television carts with iMacs, and cameras. Teachers will be issued assets based on preference and need in the event of a return to online learning. Teachers will be responsible for the care of devices checked out to them. Should devices be damaged or broken while checked out, the teacher will be responsible for repair/replacement cost.

Where safe and feasible, teachers will be required to continue work from their classrooms during online learning. Where conditions prohibit this, teachers will be allowed to take technological assets and curriculum home for the provision of online teaching.