

End of Year Technology Notes



Summer vacation means more free time for students. FCPS wants to help you support your child this summer when they engage in the online world. If their device is internet-enabled, please consider the following tips and resources:

Educate yourself and your children.

Digital citizenship is a learning process and your child will need sustained support from parents and teachers. Visit bit.ly/fairfaxdigcit for a fun and interactive parent-child course that can help your family start conversations about navigating the online world.

Establish rules and expectations.

Have you thought about the rules you want to establish with your child for setting up accounts and the privacy settings you expect your child to use? What are your expectations and how will you monitor and mediate your child's online activities? Not sure where to start? Try these [tip sheets](#), [media agreements](#), and [device contracts](#) (*translations are located on the FCPS 24-7 Parent View tab*).

Enjoy Screens. Not too much. Mostly Together.

Parents should help kids balance screen time. But parents also play a role in sharing the joy of screens with their kids. Parents can model the use of technology for creation, discovery and connection. Parents can help kids understand and interpret the media they use, when we experience it with them.

Help your child monitor and manage their screen time.

It's easy to spend hours on a device, especially when it's new. Use these [guidelines](#) and [strategies](#) to help your children learn how to monitor and manage their screen time so they will have the ability to find balance when you're not around. In the end, remember you are the parent and you make the rules.

Discuss privacy settings and accounts.

Teach your child to protect their personal information and model the use of privacy settings. Discuss why these settings are important and teach them how to make privacy setting choices for every app and service they use. This [resource](#) can help you get started.

Give your child action steps.

Discuss potential situations that may arise before they happen and give your child action steps. Do they know what they can do if cyber bullied, harassed, or if someone sends them something they don't want to see? Every difficult situation is an opportunity to help prepare them for life beyond your home. These [short parent advice videos](#), which can be filtered by topic and age, can help you identify action steps you can share with your child.

Teach your child to assess risks and make good choices.

Online communication is public and permanent. Talk with your children regularly and remind them that what they do online can impact future opportunities. Their online reputation can also affect their relationships in the face to face world.

FCPS resources will continue to be available over the summer.

This summer, you child can continue to access myON to read books. MyON offers fiction and nonfiction across many levels, and students can choose to read the books themselves or have them read aloud. To access myON, go to <https://www.myon.com/login/index.html> and log in. There are free apps available for offline reading as well. MyON apps for iPad, Android, Kindle Fire and Chrome App (New) Chrome App-Release Notes are available from iTunes, Google Play Store and the Chrome Store. With any of these apps, you can download up to 20 books and access them without an internet connection. If you need assistance with myON during the summer, please see the information below.

myON Tech Support:

Live Tech Support:

888-728-1266

Hours: 8:00am – 5pm (CT)

Monday – Friday only

Note: Closed on July 3rd and 4th in observance of Independence Day –

Support@capstonedigital.com

DreamBox will also be available for your child to play games and maintain or even improve their math skills. DreamBox provides an online gaming environment that is adaptive and helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency. To access DreamBox, go to:

<https://camelotes.fcps.edu/node/1831>

If you need assistance with DreamBox during the summer, please see the information below.

DreamBox Tech Support:

DreamBox Client Care:

877-451-7845

Hours: 7am to 5pm, Pacific Time

Monday – Friday only

support@dreambox.com.

Google Apps

FCPS Google Apps for Education accounts will also remain available to students throughout the summer. Students may continue to write stories and create Slides presentations. This also includes email within the FCPS walled garden. This means they can communicate with anyone else with a Fairfax County Public Schools account. Please be aware of this capability. If you are leaving FCPS, make copies of any “Shared with me” items that you want to keep and download your files from your Drive to your own computer. ([Downloading Guide](#))

Students should know their user ids and passwords for myON, DreamBox and Google Apps, but should they forget you may contact the school office and your child’s information for students finishing grades K-3 will be sent to your email on record.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the online opportunities that FCPS provides.