

Advice for choice of BYOD

Thinking of a device, then please read below for a guide.

Laptops – (the positives) *the below operating systems work on the school network*

Microsoft Windows 7 Pro or Ultimate
Microsoft Windows 8.1
Microsoft Windows 10
Apple 10.7 and above
Android version 5.0 and above
Linux – untested, but 12 and above should be fine

Laptops – (the negatives) *the below systems are not recommended on the school network*

Microsoft Windows XP
Microsoft Windows 7 Home Edition
Microsoft Windows 8
Apple 10.6 and below
Android versions below 5.0
Google Chromebooks
Linux below version 12 – but untested

Tablets – (the positives) *the below operating systems work on the school network*

Microsoft Windows 8.1
Microsoft Windows 10
Apple IOS 7 and above
Android version 5 (lollipop) and above

Tablets – (the negatives) *the below systems are not recommended on the school network*

Microsoft Windows 8
Microsoft Windows RT Surface
Apple below 10.6
Android below 5.0

Continue to the next page for more advice of what your child may need when choosing a device.

BYOD – what do I need and how much for Office software

- All devices should have a minimum of 2 Gigs of RAM.
- A minimum of a 8 inch screen, 7.9 inches is not acceptable
- Storage (internal storage), minimum of 16 Gig. However, saving student work can be an issue on the device chosen. Currently at the time of writing this, students cannot save their work in the Cloud, so Internal storage is preferred or USB storage.

Devices that can be used to save data to an external USB are:

- Laptops, most any laptop has at least one USB storage port
- Tablets:
 - The following are a few Tablets that can save to an external USB
 - Microsoft Surface Pro
 - Samsung Tab A (needs a cheap adaptor, roughly \$5)
 - Many other Android Tablets, but check with the dealer first that you can save data to a USB
 - The following are a few Tablets that cannot save to an external USB
 - Very old Android Tablets
 - iPads
- Office software such as Word, Excel or PowerPoint is not generally free. But there is alternative software to Microsoft Office that will run on Windows devices, Android devices and later model Macbooks. Types of free software are:
 - Open Office and LibreOffice (Windows, Macbook and Android)
 - WDS Office (Android)

This software will be available for students to copy to their USB and install on their Devices.

There is no guarantee that all devices will connect to the school's network. Factors that may contribute to non-connections are mainly caused by:

- Incorrect or invalid passwords
- Incorrect or invalid logins
- The I.T. Department has not received a form with the Device's MAC address
- Additional software on the Device, including Virus scans and Firewalls

We hope your child enjoys their experience with their device. ☺