

BYOD Recommended Devices 2020-2021

One of our goals in transitioning to a Bring Your Own Device program is to give more choice and flexibility to families. With that in mind, we have researched several devices and provided the information and recommendations below to help families make this decision. Some important items to consider are the operating system, keyboard type, storage space, mobility and price for a device with all the desired features.

* “Sample Devices” are examples of models that meet or exceed the minimum requirements. These devices are not the only models available to families.

Type	Pros	Cons	Sample Devices*
Apple MacBook / Air / Pro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long battery life - Familiar operating system - Easily accessible support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More expensive than other similar devices - Device-specific connections; more expensive to add additional equipment 	MacBook (~\$1,300) Macbook Air (~\$1,000) MacBook Pro (~\$1,300)
Microsoft Windows Laptop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large pool of applications and software - Familiar operating system - More add-on equipment options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battery life - Review customer support options by provider 	Lenovo IdeaPad (~\$600) Dell Inspiron (~\$700)
Microsoft Windows Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large pool of applications and software - Familiar operating system - Touchscreen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battery life - Review customer support options by provider 	Microsoft Surface (~\$1,000-~\$2,000)
Chromebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long battery life - Inexpensive - Some models have USB ports for additional storage - Simple and reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited offline abilities - Limited applications & software - May limit the availability of some ebooks 	ASUS Chromebooks (~\$200) Acer Chromebooks (~\$350)
Apple iPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large pool of inexpensive applications - Familiar operating system - Quick learning curve for new users - Touchscreen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storage is not expandable - Difficulties submitting assignments - Google apps have limited features 	iPad (~\$350 – ~\$450) iPad Pro (~\$600 – \$800)

Many common devices, such as the KindleFire and iPhones, are not allowed as a student’s primary device because they do not meet the requirements listed above; however, these devices may be used as secondary devices in the classroom and around campus.